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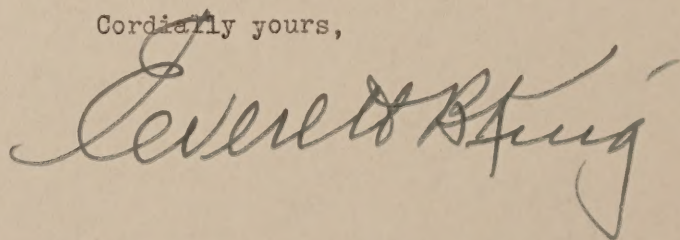
September 25, 1942

Will you please send me as promptly as possible an inventory of the furnishings in the manse other than your own personal belongings? This list should be separated into two categories - Board-owned equipment and Church-owned, if at all possible. Please give the approximate value of each item together with the condition; such as, good, fair or poor. I would like two copies of this inventory.

I shall appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Cordially yours,

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ALASKA NEWS
By Rev. B. J. Bingle

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION REPORT FOR 1943

1942 has been one of diversion, plainness, interest, excitement, and even bordering on danger. I have traveled by air and by dogs, by rail and by sea. I have driven my own car and I have thumbed. To get to one area I rode a bulldozer; to get to another I walked. I felt that I had ridden the last of all vehicles when I rode the muck train thru a mountain to get to two fairly large camps. God has been guiding along the way. A forced landing on Bering Sea brought myself into contact with a fine Eskimo family; a forced stay at St. Lawrence Island gave me a larger concept of Eskimo life and an appreciation of their qualities.

These last few weeks have been one of much reliance on the great Creator. Out in one area were men of a different color living in tents, temperature so low that folks in the vicinity actually cut kerosene with a knife. These men were face to face with Christmas without their homes, wives, sweethearts, children or parents and with the possibility of receiving no mail. I had seen them in their temporary places of living; seen them at their labors during the early Autumn; and to me it meant that something had to be done. The American Legion was contacted at Fairbanks, the Auxiliary was spoken to, and word came to the wives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the result was that boxes of candy, cookies and nuts were prepared and left in waiting.

How to overcome the glaciers, cross the rivers chocked with ice, and to keep one's car in operation during the coldness of the season that these Christmas remembrances could get to these men was the question. If a thing is right God will take care of the way is my belief. The thought that was most in my mind those days previous to going was, "Who will roll away the Stone." I felt God would see me across the ice if only I would get to the ice first. The morning I left, 5:30 by the clock, I soon developed engine trouble, too much ice. After some delay it cleared up and lo, that put me right in the middle of a local convoy. Except in one instance I made all those glaciers on my own power, and that instance was only to pull me back so I could get another start. Some glaciers made us turn into civil engineers, lowering lake levels above the road bed, pick and shovel possible high centers, and then with a prayer to God drive on narrow strips of ice for some little distance where there were rivers coated with insecure ice on the one hand and bar pits of water and ice (plenty of cars sunken in the same, in one case just the top of a "pickup" remaining out) on the other. While I did not get this trip made by Christmas I did within a few days after, and the gifts to the men and the worship services by the men in eleven respective places made all the effort I put forth very much worth while.

All the year has certainly not been as colorful as the last few weeks but this year I have traveled the distance of 19,567 miles, made 1,714 calls, held 149 periods of worship, distributed 29,953 pages of religious material, and held 226 individual conferences relative to the program and work. I am very reticent about speaking of people being "converted", I feel the Judgment day will tell that tale, but as the result of my efforts in conjunction with the missionaries on the Island and the pastors of the churches from which people from the states have come, no less than two

score persons have individually given statement of their committal to Christ and His Higher Way of Life. I will add further that it is my conviction that many many more than that I have helped hold to their Christian ideals of previous years.

1942 has seen certain things realized. One was the looking after six small Sunday Schools, three of which I had the pleasure of getting started. Another was the visit to St. Lawrence Island, carrying out a planned instructive program for the membership of our churches there. A third objective realized was the initiation of work among enlisted men where up to this time there has been insufficient or no chaplain service.

These places are along the old and new highway. One port town where our Eskimo boys from the Artic may be found, 14 of which are from our one mission station, is an obscure spot on the sea coast. A fourth accomplishment was a tour with the hired clergyman of one construction company over most of the highway this side of Canada, bringing the word of God and scenes of the Territory which gave a clearer picture of the country to which they were building a road. A fifth accomplishment was in conjunction with Rev. O. W. Randall of Palmer and Rev. G. E. Knight of Seward in which a most productive young people's conference was held at King's lake during the month of August, laying plans for a conference similar this next year. There were others but I wish in particular to list lastly the publication of the "TRAIL BLAZER".

1942 also had some reverses, two of which I wish to mention. The order forcing the gold mining to cease closed three of our Sunday Schools. A second reverse was the removal of all but two members of our Nenana Church from Nenana; the incoming of a new Episcopal Rector to care for the White as well as the Native work, and the use by this person of the same building I was occasionally using for worship purposes. After discussing the matter with Elder Robinson now of Anchorage and Elder Jones yet of Nenana, it was decided to discontinue holding services for the time being and carry on a policy of watchful waiting. Our property there may be of value to us or another at a later time due to new developments, hence the watchfulness. This also complies with the request of Presbytery and the urging of the National Board in its relationship with the Episcopal folks at Nenana subsequent to 1930.

January 1943

ALASKA NEWS LETTER NO. 1

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Dear Co-Workers:

By the time this word reaches you the New Year will be used and worn until it will be another old year, but I still want to take the opportunity of extending the New Year's greetings to each of you. My prayer is that the year 1943 may be one of your best years; that you may gain a deeper spiritual understanding; and, that you may know Him in a finer personal way.

These words by Calvin Laufer have a real message for us in any time but they are particularly fitting for today.

The world, dear Lord, is very large,
With people far apart,
Yet all alike, whate'er their needs,
Are children of thy heart.
And though some live in foreign climes,
Or islands of the sea,
One family tie unites them still
And they belong to thee,

Grant us to live as children should,
Who heed one Father's call
And, found a common place of prayer
Desire the good of all.
So help us serve each other, Lord,
Whate'er our race or clan,
That through our love for each may come
The brotherhood of man. Amen.

Since the past twelve months have witnessed several changes in our Alaskan Workers, I thought you might appreciate the following up-to-date information:

Alaska Presbytery

Angoon	Mr. Samuel Johnson	native
Haines	Rev. Edwin Knudsen	"
Hydaburg	Rev. Verne J. Swanson	"
Hoonah	Rev. E. E. Bromley	white native
Juneau	Rev. Willis R. Booth	white
	Rev. Walter Soboleff	no
Ketchikan	Rev. James W. Hall	no
Kake	Mr. Wm Duguqua	no
Metlakatla	Rev. A. D. Swogger	no
Petersburg	Mr. George R. Betts	no
Sitka	Rev. Arthur N. Bily	no + w
Skagway	Rev. A. G. Rotenberry	w
Wrangell	Rev. Benjamin Judd, Jr.	no + w

Yukon Presbytery

Anchorage	Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong	no
Barrow	Rev. Frederick G. Klerekoper	no

Barrow	Mr. Roy Ahmaogok — <i>Sh</i>
Barter Island	Mr. Andrew Akootchoak <i>Sh</i>
Cordova	Rev. David Crawford — <i>W</i>
Fairbanks	Rev. N. Harry Champlin — <i>W</i>
Palmer	(vacant) Mr. Randall has entered <i>W</i> the chaplaincy as of January 1
St. Lawrence Island	(evacuated by Army) <i>W</i>
Wainwright	Rev. Percy Ipalook <i>W</i>
Wales	Miss Emma M. Stauffer <i>W</i>

With such a shortage of man power in the ministry it is a source of real inspiration to note how well manned all of our Alaskan Work is and has been. Full credit for this belongs to you with your loyalty and devotion.

"ALASKA UNDER ARMS"

Sometime ago I sent you a copy of Jean Potter's book "Alaska Under Arms". It was a helpful book for me so I shared it with you. I would appreciate it if you could send me your reaction to the book.

MONTHLY REPORTS

With Alaska on the front pages of many of our newspapers, there is a growing interest in what our Presbyterian Church is doing. Frequently I am receiving requests from across the country for a recent report on our church activities in the Territory. Many times I have been embarrassed because I had no information to give. Not long ago a church that has always been a generous friend to our Alaskan Work asked for a report on a named place. Although I was sure that the work was going well, I had no report to offer. You see what I am saying. We need your cooperation. Please send me regularly each month a report on your work.

BENEVOLENT QUOTAS AND GIFTS

I am profoundly grateful for the generous way the Alaskan Churches are responding to their National Missions benevolent quotas. Many Churches have already overpaid their assigned quotas. Herewith are the Churches, quotas and amounts contributed up to January 1, 1943.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Angoon	\$100.00	
Craig	10.00	
Haines	35.00	\$11.18
Hoonah	60.00	19.00
Hydaburg	60.00	5.35
Juneau - S. Hall Young	60.00	
Northern Lights Church	150.00	12.00
Kake	10.00	
Kasaan	10.00	
Ketchikan	35.00	38.23
Saxman	10.00	
Klawock	60.00	
Metlakatla	125.00	15.00
Petersburg	20.00	32.62
Sitka	250.00	765.64
Skagway	60.00	66.63
Wrangell	100.00	39.20
Chapel by the Lake - Juneau	10.00	11.22

<u>Name</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Anchorage	\$150.00	\$17.90
Barrow	50.00	172.40
Cordova	50.00	25.00
Fairbanks	150.00	61.99
Nenana	20.00	15.65
Palmer	50.00	69.62
Gambell	50.00	22.00
Wales	20.00	40.00
Savoonga	110.00	
Beechey Point (leave out)	20.00	
Wainwright	30.00	13.51
	1865.00	1454.14

Before the Church year closes, March 31, 1943, I am anxious to have a good report from every Church. I have confidence to believe that you will do your best.

COPIES OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Dr. Hopkirk of Santa Monica, California has made available a supply of the copies of the Gospel of John for distribution by us in Alaska. Under separate cover I am sending you a number of these booklets.

Dr. Hopkirk will appreciate a letter from you. His address is:

C. C. Hopkirk, M. D.
710 Wilshire Boulevard
Santa Monica, California

ANOTHER TRIP TO ALASKA

There is a strong possibility that I will be in Alaska the latter part of March or the early part of April. My plans are not yet perfected but I am hoping that the visit will be possible. I shall notify you later, giving you full information.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Let me recommend to you the following books and if you are interested, send me your order and I can secure them at a saving for you.

"The Highway of God" by Ralph W. Sockman - Price \$2.00
"This is the Victory" by Leslie D. Weatherhead - Price \$2.00
"Prayer" by George Buttrick - Price \$2.75
"The Lower Levels of Prayer" by George S. Stewart - Price \$1.50

Any other book or books you want, send me the word and I shall try to find it for you. Good books are always good friends. We all need more of them.

FINALLY

What more appropriate verse of Scripture is there for us today than this one culled from the ancient story of Esther.

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed; and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

Cordially yours

EVERETT B. KING

RETURN PROMPTLY

(Please give information requested and return this sheet to Everett
B. King, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York)

- I. Total Salary you receive \$ _____
- Amount paid by Board \$ _____
- Amount paid by Church \$ _____
- II. Total membership of Church _____
- New members received last year _____
- III. Total number attending Sunday School _____
- IV. Total present value of Property \$ _____
- Manse value \$ _____
- Church value \$ _____
- V. Give Church Budget for 1942-1943
(List items and state amount for each)

(Signed) _____

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Because of the increased cost of living, together with the increase in taxes, the Board of National Missions has made a small extra grant of money available for missionaries. This money will not be used as a flat increase for all missionaries, but it is to be divided carefully among those who have extraordinary needs.

This extra grant is not to be classified as salary received. Therefore, you will not be required to make any pension payment on the money that you receive. However, you will be required to add the sum to your income tax for 1943 as income.

Your share of this extra grant is \$. This money will be paid in the following method that is checked:

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Paid in full in next regular Salary check.

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One half added to your next regular salary check, and balance in September.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can notify you of this extra gift, and I am only sorry that the amount is not larger, but do trust that you will find this additional money helpful at this time.

Cordially yours,

EBK/mk

April 1943

College, Alaska
April 22, 1943.

Dear Friends:

Time flies and Spring thaws wait for no one. My trip to Wales via Nome and Teller was full of interest and enjoyment. Nome I always enjoy. I was privileged to spend nine days there this trip. It was a pleasure to speak in both the Eskimo and the White churches, to see Chaplain Wiess and many others at his place of work, to meet six of our Eskimo young people from St. Lawrence Island, as well as fraternize with those I had known before.

At Teller I enjoyed new contacts, and at Teller Mission enjoyed the hospitality and new friendships with the teachers and missionary family there. In fact it was both the missionary and the teacher that made it possible to complete my trip. They loaned me skin clothes. The trip on from Teller to Wales, on the upper deck of a dog sled, was the second of such kinds of inspirations. Thanks to my new friends I did not get as cold as the year previous on St. Lawrence. The day was beautiful. The moonlight at night not only made the shadows from the jagged ice on Bering Strait look picturesque, but the rugged ice itself looked cool and calculating.

At Wales Church matters took most of my time. Business and worship were both greatly enjoyed. Ground winds and low temperatures coupled with the flu made mothers with small children remain at home at time of Communion and Baptism. This in turn made us visit their homes the following day. That part I also enjoyed. The hospitality of the Eskimo has always been generous among our church folks. Our hope and prayer is that the Whites will not insist on bringing in unchristian things to such as God loves so well. Miss Stauffer, our missionary, is doing a very good piece of work at Wales. It was a pleasure to meet with her again. As she works so do the other missionaries and teachers in the Arctic. Enroute home I had the opportunity to hold worship at one camp which also bubbled over with hospitality and welcome.

Since returning home March 28th I have been to Seward and Anchorage. Plans are made for our annual Young People's Conference at King's Lake in mid August, and for a previous two day conference at Harding Lake in mid June. This last conference is for those of the north end of the R.R. and highway who cannot get to King's Lake. There are fine men in certain scattered outposts who enjoy getting together from time to time in this area. It has been the privilege of myself as missionary to take with me to such places a number of the faculty of the school and a number of the civilian workers in government positions. Of course these are mostly of the feminine gender. I sometimes call them the traveling USO. Such trips have been wholesome for both military and civilian. I only wish we could extend such entertainment to still more areas.

To you who are on the islands, or in the remote areas, or in the nearby camps, or who are at Nome, Teller, or Wales- including my Eskimo drivers and fellow-travelers- and to you who are civilians doing the work God has given you to do we as a missionary family extend the right hand of fellowship. We also pray for God's richest blessings to come to you. Your tasks may be difficult, even tedious, but with God's help you can win your battles, accomplish your work, outlive your surroundings with a greater ease. The old saying, "Prayer changes things" is never more true than today. As you give your hardest efforts to your labor you also keep up that devotional life! Christ can be real to you.

Sincerely,

Rev. B. J. Bingle

Sunday School Missionary

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Palmer: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Victor I. Alfsen will be in Palmer, September 1, 1943, to take over the work. Alfsen completes his Seminary training at Princeton Seminary in August.

Fairbanks: The Champlins are busy with their program in the first self-supporting church in Yukon Presbytery. Many good reports continue to come in to us.

St. Lawrence Island:

Miss Ann Bannan is still in the States.

Miss Martin is remaining in the territory.

Reverend Percy Ipalook from Wainwright is on the Island serving our people. Roy Ahmaogak from Point Barrow is supplying the Church at Wainwright.

Barrow:

The Klerekopers are expecting a new arrival in June. The last word we received was that Nan had gone to Fairbanks and Fred was pacing the floor alone in Barrow.

Wales:

Reverend Bert Bingle made a recent visit to Wales and Miss Stauffer reports that it was a timely visit with much good accomplished. Miss Stauffer is remaining at her post.

Barter Island:

Occasional reports from Lay Worker, Andrew Akootchook indicate that the work here continues to move along in an encouraging way.

Yukon Presbytery:

Reverend Bert Bingle continues his work as a Sunday School Missionary in Yukon. Plans are being made now for Bingle to be appointed Chaplain for War Construction Camp Work, under our War Time Service Program.

BENEVOLENCE GIVING:

I am justly proud of the record of the benevolence giving of our two Alaskan Presbyteries for the church year closing March 31, 1943. Here are figures that speak for themselves.

<u>Alaska Presbyteries</u>	<u>1942-1943</u>	<u>1941-1942</u>
Alaska	\$1,726.74	\$ 397.20
Yukon	585.65	380.40
	<u>\$2,312.39</u>	<u>\$ 777.60</u>

These amounts represent only the money given to the Board of National Missions, exclusive of Women's and Young People's organizations.

From the above figures we all can take courage, and thank God for this splendid accounting.

MY VISIT:

I am still hopeful that the way will open so that I can make my visit to Alaska. I am planning now to make the trip this fall, probably in October.

Cordially yours,

EVERETT B. KING,
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REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL MISSIONS QUOTAS AND REMITTANCES UP TO
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NEW NATIONAL MISSIONS BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1, 1943
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Auk Lake Chapel	10.00	28.62	50.00
Northern Light Ch.	150.00	50.13	150.00
Kake	10.00	16.80	60.00
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October 1, 1942 Anchorage Church accepted the responsibility of self-support.

June 2/28/44
Palmer: Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Victor I. Alfsen will be in Palmer, September 1, 1943, to take over the work. Alfsen completes his Seminary training at Princeton Seminary in August.

7/21/43
Fairbanks: The Champlins are busy with their program in the first self-supporting church in Yukon Presbytery. Many good reports continue to come in to us.

H.R. as of 3/21/44
Livingston

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St. Lawrence Island:

Miss Ann Bannan is still in the States.

Miss Martin is remaining in the territory.

Reverend Percy Ipalook from Wainwright is on the Island serving our people. Roy Ahmaogak from Point Barrow is supplying the Church at Wainwright.

Barrow:

The Klerekopers are expecting a new arrival in June. The last word we received was that Nan had gone to Fairbanks and Fred was pacing the floor alone in Barrow.

Wales:

Reverend Bert Bingle made a recent visit to Wales and Miss Stauffer reports that it was a timely visit with much good accomplished. Miss Stauffer is remaining at her post.

Barter Island:

Occasional reports from Lay Worker, Andrew Akootchook indicate that the work here continues to move along in an encouraging way.

Yukon Presbytery:

Reverend Bert Bingle continues his work as a Sunday School Missionary in Yukon. Plans are being made now for Bingle to be appointed Chaplain for War Construction Camp Work, under our War Time Service Program.

BENEVOLENCE GIVING:

I am justly proud of the record of the benevolence giving of our two Alaskan Presbyteries for the church year closing March 31, 1943. Here are figures that speak for themselves.

<u>Alaska Presbyteries</u>	<u>1942-1943</u>	<u>1941-1942</u>
Alaska	\$1,726.74	\$ 397.20
Yukon	585.65	380.40
	<u>\$2,312.39</u>	<u>\$ 777.60</u>

These amounts represent only the money given to the Board of National Missions, exclusive of Women's and Young People's organizations.

From the above figures we all can take courage, and thank God for this splendid accounting.

MY VISIT:

I am still hopeful that the way will open so that I can make my visit to Alaska. I am planning now to make the trip this fall, probably in October.

Cordially yours,

EVERETT B. KING,
Secretary

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REPORT OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL MISSIONS QUOTAS AND REMITTANCES UP TO
MARCH 31, 1943

also

NEW NATIONAL MISSIONS BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR APRIL 1, 1943
TO MARCH 31, 1944

ALASKA PRESBYTERY	QUOTA FOR 1942-43	REMITTANCES	NEW QUOTA 1943-44
Angoon	\$100.00	\$ 6.12	\$ 60.00
Craig	10.00	----	10.00
Haines	35.00	11.18	60.00
Hoonah	60.00	36.00	60.00
Hydaburg	60.00	95.45	100.00
Juneau-----S.Hall Young Mem'l.	60.00	2.50	60.00
Auk Lake Chapel	10.00	28.62	50.00
Northern Light Ch.	150.00	50.13	150.00
Kake	10.00	16.80	60.00
Kasaan	10.00	----	10.00
Ketchikan	35.00	53.23	60.00
Saxman	10.00	----	10.00
Klawock	60.00	----	20.00
Klukwan	----	----	10.00
Metlakatla	125.00	120.00	150.00
Petersburg	20.00	52.12	60.00
Sitka	250.00	848.04	800.00
Skagway	60.00	367.35	400.00
Wrangell	100.00	39.20	60.00
TOTALS	\$1165.00	\$1726.74	\$2190.00
YUKON PRESBYTERY	QUOTA FOR 1942-43	REMITTANCES	NEW QUOTA
Anchorage	\$150.00	\$ 77.25	\$150.00
Barrow	50.00	194.42	100.00
Cordova	50.00	42.50	60.00
Fairbanks	150.00	106.47	150.00
Nenana	20.00	15.65	25.00
Palmer	50.00	69.62	60.00
St. Lawrence Island---			
Gambell	50.00	22.00	50.00
Savoonga	110.00	----	50.00
Wainwright	30.00	17.74	60.00
Wales	20.00	40.00	60.00
TOTALS	\$680.00	\$585.65	\$765.00

August 1943

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

College, Alaska, Aug. 31, 1943

Dear Friends:-

Those last weeks have brought unusual happenings to us who are working under the National Missions Board, the War Time Service, and the Camp and Church Activities Committee of the Presbyterian Church. The latter part of July about 30 miles from this area, soldiers and civilians, joined with enlisted men of a slightly distant outpost for an evening of fellowship and a day of discussion, devotion and consecration. This as reported before, is a part of a bi-monthly program for young people of this area. It not only allows for new acquaintances but during these times of stress gives the needed spiritual stimulus. Our next week-end gathering will be at Fairbanks on Sept. 25th and 26th. We plan on extending our reach to more outposts.

The highspot of our last few weeks has been our King's Lake Young People's Conference. This is located in the Matanuska Valley. We thought before the conference opened that our attendance would be small compared with previous years, but what a surprise to us when the conference opened! It was the largest ever, 65 registered in all. The average age dropped slightly lower but that is to our credit. These young teen age folk need the spirit of Christ in such an hour as this. Many in high school and above high school, including enlisted men, were there too. This conference was a Methodist-Presbyterian combination as far as teachers in the classes were concerned. Those who were our speakers and leaders of campfire devotions which climaxed the conference were Chaplains representing the Christian and the Baptist Churches. Our interdenominational fellowship has always been good; this year superb.

Rain seemed to cramp our program to the indoors somewhat, but there was sufficient clear weather for the young folks to enjoy the picturesque lake. Swimming and boating made up the Aquatic events. The last evening our candle light service led by the Baptist Chaplain was the prayed for and the hoped for climax. On each side of the wooden cross standing on an altar the young folks made from native poles, were candles which those who wished to participate in the service could use. At the invitation for those who wished to dedicate their lives to Christ anew or for the first time everyone in attendance, including the visitors from the valley, came forward and took a candle, lighted it at the altar, and went back to join those who had lighted one previous to them. After each had lighted a candle we joined hands and sang. Then we knelt and prayed in closing. Those there spoke for themselves what the conference meant to them. They said, "This is the best ever".--To their homes and churches they have returned to give added strength for Christ. You can guess we are happy to be a part of a program like that.

Enroute home a few of us drove down our new highway visiting camps, civilian and otherwise. There we were enabled to bring happiness and joy to those unable to get to a church for worship for many months of time. We conclude with our first statement: These last few weeks have brought unusual happiness to us in our work.

Rev. B. J. Bingle.

ALASKA NEWS BULLETIN

July 1944

J.I.

Greetings to our co-workers in Alaska! It was my privilege to meet most of you on a trip through the southern part of the territory in April and return with a report to the Board of the outstanding ministry of all of you. There is a sincere hope and purpose (the Lord and weather permitting) to return again during the summer of 1945 and visit all of the work, especially the stations and workers along the Arctic Coast. I want to get to know all of you personally and share your burdens and problems as well as your joys and progress.

There have been few recent changes in Yukon Presbytery and your Secretary is thankful for that. In these days of a real scarcity of ministers and workers it is a comfort to know that all our stations are in charge of competent people. David Crawford has left the War Service work and has returned to the States. Miss Anna Martin has ended a long struggle to get back to Savoonga and has gathered her people together again. Percy Ipalook has had to return his wife and children to the mainland because of threatening illness to two of the children. Anchorage Church is building an addition and Fairbanks is in the midst of a complete renovation. Fairbanks will have a young woman on the staff early fall to assist in a widening program. All the rest report progress and success.

Alaska Presbytery has had many changes. On June 14 the Church and manse along with most of the village at Hoonah burned. When the village is rebuilt we shall rebuild our Church and manse. After a very constructive ministry James Hall has returned to the States from Ketchikan. Following an overburdened task as Pastor of the Church and head of Haines House, Ed Knudsen returns with his family about the middle of July. Skagway is still vacant and we are desperately in need of some more good ministers with capable helpmeets. We are in the midst of negotiations with the War Shipping Administration for the repurchase of the Princeton-Hall and hope to have it in service in the Fall. Paul Prouty has agreed to return to command the boat and minister from her deck.

Alaska was well represented at the General Assembly. Arthur Bily of Sitka spoke at the meeting of the National Staff in Chicago and Rolland Armstrong spoke to the whole Assembly the night of the Popular Meeting on National Missions.

Remember that Alaskan workers are on the Prayer Calendar for early October. Presbyterians around the world will be praying for each one of you by name. They will be asking God for guidance and power for you that you may be living witnesses to win souls to Christ. The Presbyterian Church is expecting you to do great things for the Lord and Alaska.

During July and August plans should be made for the program for next winter. The Plan Book is not out yet but ought to reach you during the summer. An excellent program of spiritual emphasis on the Christian outreach has been prepared for the whole Church. We hope everyone will use it. Its success will depend upon the vision, devotion, and energy of our leaders in their tasks.

The Minutes of the General Assembly are not available yet but the general impression is abroad that the benevolence giving of the Alaskan Churches as a whole is down this year, especially in Alaska Presbytery. Yukon Presbytery has done better. Let us give more attention to this matter. We shall send you the comparative figures as

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soon as they are ready and would urge you to examine the record with the purpose of improving it.

During the coming year let us put greater emphasis upon stewardship training. Let us teach our people to give as the Lord has prospered them, to lay aside the crutches as far as possible and lead out for a greater and stronger Church. They should carry as much as possible of their own support including the minister's salary, and give to the whole benevolence program of the Church. To that end they should be trained in systematic giving. Juneau Memorial has shown what can be done with offering envelopes and the Unit of Work in Alaska will pay for the envelopes the first year for any of the Churches which will start using them. This is a real opportunity to teach and lead your people.

We would like to have a report from everyone of you on the condition of the property (Church, manse, and furniture) where you are. Tell us what needs to be done to the property within the next year or two, how much of it the people of the Church can do, and what the Board needs to do.

All of us at the office are new. We are doing all we can to absorb Alaska - its history, its problems, its needs, its splendid Presbyterian workers. We are as anxious as you are for our Church to render an effective Christian ministry to the people of the territory. Miss Frieda Koerner is handling the correspondence for Alaska in the office. Please forgive our failures and ignorance and help us to help you bear a strong witness to Christ in your work.

If you are buying books we shall be glad to serve you. We can get you an average discount of 25% on books for your personal use.

Send us regular narrative reports along with the statistical report and vouchers for salary. We are praying for you and we want to know about your work. Keep us informed.

When the disciples performed miracles or preached and people were led to Christ they were thrilled. The Power of Christ had been offered to people through them. They took it and channeled it to others. There was no greater service they could render. We, too, have been offered the Power of Christ to give to others. We have the opportunity of ministering in His Name. We are not "popes" but channels of blessing. Some one is waiting today, tomorrow, every day to receive a blessing from Christ through us. Let us be continually conscious of our privilege and seek daily, hourly to be channels of blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Special Note: Sometime between August 1st and September 5th, Dr. Benjamin F. Judd of Cincinnati, Ohio, father of our own Ben Judd of Wrangell, will be visiting our mission stations in Alaska. He wants to see, hear, and do as much for our work as possible. If he gets to see you or your station we ask you and your people to do everything possible for him.

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Dear Co-Workers:

We are thinking of each one of you these days because one by one your names come before us on the Prayer Calendar. Those of us who know you think of you not as names but as individual workers in the midst of particular problems of service. We pray that the ministry of each one of you may be filled and guided by the Spirit and Power of Christ.

Alaska Presbytery continues to have many changes but they now begin to be additions instead of losses. On August 21st the Princeton-Hall was formally turned over to Leslie Yaw for the Board at Sitka and was immediately placed in service to take Dr. Judd around and pick up students for Sheldon Jackson School. Paul Prouty has arrived in Juneau to begin work with the Princeton-Hall. He is getting the house at 814 Gold Belt Avenue ready for the family. The boat will have to be repainted but boat and skipper will be in service in the near future. The Rev. Harold F. Fredsell, wife and small daughter, of Northville, Michigan will leave Seattle October 12th for Skagway. They are due to arrive the 16th for a settled ministry in this important field. The Rev. Edward D. Freeman, wife and two small daughters, at Omaha, Nebraska will leave the end of October for Ketchikan. Verne Swanson remains at Hydaburg this winter and will serve Craig regularly with his boat. The four lay-workers will return to the same Churches as last winter. Hoonah will have a Quonset hut for Church and community meetings and a Yakutat hut for Sam Johnson. Haines is still vacant but we have hopes of changing this situation soon. Juneau Memorial and Northern Light, Metlakatla, Petersburg, and Wrangell report considerable activity and the prospect of another good year. *rather*

Yukon Presbytery is having and is facing some important changes. The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Parker of Idaho left Seattle October 3rd for Gambell on St. Lawrence Island. We hope for them a quick, safe trip. Miss Gertrude Bechtel left Seattle on the same boat for Fairbanks to give Harry Champlin some much needed help. Percy Ipalook who had taken his family to Kotzebue because of the illness of two of the children has been transferred to Wales. Miss Emma Stauffer is to go to Haines House until Miss Horner, the Nurse, returns from furlough in the States and will go to Klukwan to continue our work there. Fred Klerekoper has resigned from Barrow but word has been received indirectly that he will remain until next summer in order to give us time to find a replacement. Alaska Highway, Cordova, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, Savoonga, and Wainwright report considerable activity and development. The Wotring's reported the arrival of a new daughter in June. Anchorage reports a branch Sunday school.

Dr. Judd sends his appreciation to all of you who helped him along the way during the summer. He reports a great experience and is already being dated to tell about it.

"Our Times in National Missions", a monthly publication of the Board (10 months) features Alaska in the October issue. Copies have been sent to all of you.

We are asking every one of you to send with your next monthly report a list of three people in official and preferential order with whom we can correspond in case we need to take up any matters with the congregation. Please designate the office of each in the Church. Include an Elder and a Trustee.

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In your next correspondence with the office give us the name, address, and relationship of your nearest of kin (husband and wife). We want a record of the people who would be informed of your movements and who would be contacted in any emergency. We want this from all workers - Native and Anglo.

Two Churches responded to the request for a report on repair needs for the coming year. With only two definite requests on hand your secretary was allotted \$2000 for building repairs which must be shared by all the Churches during the next budget year beginning October 1st. One of these Churches asked for half that amount. It is evident that all of our churches will need to bear a large part of their repair items. In another effort to get a full picture of this, we are enclosing a form for your report. Please return it promptly.

We are enclosing a comparative statement on the giving of the churches for all benevolence purposes for the last two church years. The report speaks for itself. Many are to be highly commended. Will you examine it with your officers and people and determine whether your report represents what your people are able and desire to do for the extension of the Gospel through our mission agencies?

A forward look - next Spring we plan to ask each of our missions to make up a budget for current expenses and benevolences, have an Every Member Canvass, use offering envelopes, and then make formal application through the National Missions Committee for the grant which is necessary from the Board to supplement their own efforts for an effective ministry. These applications should be considered by the Committee at the April meeting of the Presbytery. The Benevolences ought not to be less than 10% of the current expenses. Begin now with more stewardship education. We still offer to pay for offering envelopes the first year they are used.

Every missionary should be receiving the Plan Book, Monday Morning, Everyone with Every Member Canvass material, Youth Budget Packet, material for Special Days in the Sunday School, Social Progress, etc. If you are not receiving these let us know and we will check on the mailing list.

Every missionary ought to have a good one volume Bible dictionary. We suggest "Dictionary of the Bible" by John D. Davis, Westminster Press, cloth \$3.50 retail. Two other books we suggest are "Plight of Man and The Power of God" by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, \$1.00 retail, and "Some to be Pastors" by Peter H. Pleune, \$1.50 retail. Your discount of 25% through our office would apply on all of these.

Let us remind everyone of you that you labor for the Lord in Alaska. On the basis of the capacities which have been given you, He will require an accounting of your ministry. Be thou faithful in all things. Second to this, you are representatives of the Presbyterian Church with the Board of National Missions. Be faithful to the ministry which the Board has committed to you and give us a full report of it. We want this report to know what you are doing so we can help you in your tasks and tell the whole Church of the advances in your part of the Kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman

COMPARATIVE BENEVOLENCE REPORT

<u>Church</u>	<u>1942-43 Total Benevolences To All Bds.</u>	<u>1943-44 Total Benevolences To all Bds.</u>
<u>Alaska Presbytery</u>		
Angoon	\$ 15.00	\$ 63.00
Craig	-----	-----
Haines	77.00	138.00
Hoonah	57.00	144.00
Hydaburg	96.00	114.00
Juneau, Mem'l	22.00	146.00
Auk Lake Chapel	-----	21.00
Northern Light	140.00	330.00
Kake	34.00	98.00
Kasaan	-----	-----
Ketchikan	53.00	78.00
Saxman	-----	-----
Klawock	-----	28.00
Klukwan	-----	-----
Metlakatla	168.00	115.00
Petersburg	70.00	69.00
Sitka	1171.00	356.00
Skagway	455.00	281.00
Wrangell	95.00	89.00
Miscellaneous	<u>79.00</u>	<u>27.00</u>
Total	\$2532.00	\$2097.00
<u>Yukon Presbytery</u>		
Anchorage	187.00	874.00
Barrow	194.00	60.00
Cordova	43.00	53.00
Fairbanks	250.00	149.00
Nenana	16.00	-----
Palmer	126.00	134.00
St. Lawrence Island		
Gambell	64.00	351.00
Savoonga	-----	-----
Wainwright	18.00	75.00
Wales	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$938.00	\$1736.00

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ALASKA NEWS LETTER

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Dear Co-Worker:

We send this letter to all of you but at the same time express the hope that I shall get to see all of you before another six weeks has passed. The first fifteen days of April will be spent in southeastern Alaska. It is my hope to visit every mission station and then attend the meeting of Presbytery at Hydaburg. Immediately following the meeting of Alaska Presbytery I hope to fly to Anchorage, stopping off at Cordova, and from Anchorage to Fairbanks for the meeting of Yukon Presbytery on the 18th. After Yukon Presbytery there is a fond hope to visit Barrow, Wainwright, and Wales, and then take the mail plane over to Gambell and Savoonga the first of May. Following these visits it will be necessary to return to the office as early as possible.

Miss Anna Martin has resigned from service in Savoonga after several years of excellent service there. We are sorry to lose her. Miss Alice Green, a Sunday School Missionary in Starks, Maine, has been appointed to succeed Miss Martin and will hope to arrive in Savoonga early in May. The Rev. Percy Ipalook has finally succeeded in getting to Wales where he has started his work. His family will join him this summer.

Because of a family situation Ben Judd has resigned from Wrangell and has asked to come out in May. Miss Emma Stauffer is serving the Church at Haines until we are able to secure a Pastor. Mr. Swogger at Metlakatla is looking forward to a long overdue furlough this summer and we have appointed Mr. John D. Thomson, who graduated from Princeton in March, to take his work for the summer. Mr. Thomson, will be ordained in Pittsburgh in April and wants to serve in Alaska. The Princeton-Hall spent a part of March on the ways at Metlakatla for repairs, renovation, and repainting. We hope it will be ready now for full service.

Recently, we have sent you several enclosures: "Our Alaskan Ministry"; "Conditions of Service in Alaska"; "The Board and The Local Church"; and Applications for Aid. We shall be discussing all of these in the Presbytery meetings. Bring your copies with you.

We have adopted new report forms for all Pastors of Churches (lay and ordained) and these should be in your hands. They are in triplicate and are the same as all aided churches in the States. The first copy with the voucher calling for the month's salary should be mailed (airmail) direct to the office. The second copy should be mailed to the Chairman of National Missions, and the third copy should be retained for your information. It is expected that the office copy shall be made out in full and mailed every month with a narrative report on problems and progress. We shall continue to mail your checks at the beginning of each month but the auditors and the Treasury Department are demanding signed (pen and ink signature) monthly vouchers regularly. Anyone who lets his report go three months may find his check will not arrive.

We have been tampering with the mailing list of Monday Morning. Arrangements have been made (at our expense) for all workers employed under our Unit to get Monday Morning regularly and those on the Arctic Coast to get it by air mail.

There will be no survey from the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council this summer. Miss Brimson of the Baptist Board is going to Kodiak in June, and The Rev. Clarence Lokey of the Methodist Board is going up in May. He will

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attend the Methodist Conference in Metlakatla Christian Mission which has developed an affiliated relation with the Methodist denomination.

During September Dr. E. Stanley Jones will spend a month in Alaska. The first week in Fairbanks, the second in Anchorage, the third in Juneau, and the fourth in Ketchikan. This is being arranged through the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council.

Ketchikan and Skagway have ordered duplex envelopes for the coming year. Who will be next? We will pay for them the first year they are used.

We are getting low and out-of-date on good promotional material on Alaska. We need a good picture of each Church with a brief descriptive story of each Church, congregation, and community. We asked for this before but -----! Now we stir up your memories to let you know we are serious. We can print a booklet as soon as we have the material.

The office would also like to have a picture (snap) with the negative of each mission missionary. We want the negative so we can have some printed to supply your supporting groups. Miss Gillespie also asks, pleads, that you write to your supporting groups. They want to know what you are doing and your information helps keep the support coming.

Dr. Hopkirk of Santa Monica, California has offered us thousands of copies of John's Gospel for free distribution. Send your order to the office with your next report.

Every Church should plan for a Vacation Bible School for the children. Leaders manuals and helps may be obtained from the office free. Ask for yours.

We recommend that you purchase a copy of The Predicament of Modern Man by D. Elton Trueblood (Harpers \$1.00). When you have read it you will know why you need to preach the Gospel. "Pastoral Work" by Andrew W. Blackwood (Westminster Press \$2.00) is also good. Dr. Blackwood is a Professor in Princeton Seminary.

Dr. Limouze is planning for some special material for World Wide Communion which would include unusual incidents from mission fields about the way it was celebrated in former years. If you have such a story let us have it immediately.

Yours is the opportunity and the privilege of presenting the Gospel of Christ to your people. They may never rise any higher than your vision and devotion to the ministry of Christ. God grant you power to touch the lives of individuals and communities for the sake of the Kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson

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ALASKA NEWS LETTER

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Dear Co-Worker:

I look back on my visits with most of you and the meetings of Presbytery as the high points of the year's work. It was a great experience full of encouragement and makes me feel we are on the way together to further development in the territory.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox will be on their way to Haines during July and we hope will arrive about the last of the month to begin their work. Skagway Church is adding another building (Army) to their property for recreation and program facilities. The contract is being signed for the Hoonah Church and construction will begin August 1st. Because of the high cost of construction, we cannot proceed with the manse now. More funds are needed. We hope to rent a house for George Betts in September. William Duguqua goes to Petersburg in September. John Thomson is serving Wrangell this summer. The Rev. and Mrs. Jackson Webster will return to Alaska at the end of August and serve the Wrangell Church. The Swogger's are enjoying their furlough in California. They will return the first of September to get ready for the 25th anniversary of the Metlakatla Church in October. Dr. John T. Paris, of Christian Education fame, is supplying during the summer. Verne Swanson and his wife will move to Craig in October to minister to Craig and Klawock. Cyrus Peck will move to Klukwan in September. Sam Johnson has asked to be released next year. Miss Emma Stauffer remains at Haines House for the present. Arthur Bily has resigned from the Sitka Church as of September 1st to become Associate Director of the Dodge Community House in Detroit. All the rest are in their places and plugging along - always forward. We need men for Kake, Hydaburg, and Sitka. The Princeton-Hall with the help of Mrs. Hatch and Miss Houk of Sheldon Jackson School is blazing a new pattern of summer service.

Yukon Presbytery: After eight years of fine service The Klerekoper's have gone from Barrow. Roy Ahmaogak has been transferred to Barrow until we can find a couple from the States for Barrow. Percy Ipalook's family has had health difficulties again but he hopes to have them with him this summer in Wales. Alice Green has arrived at Savoonga. Gambell has had a flu epidemic and Elmer Parker reports a thankful village because nearly everyone recovered without medical attention. Harry Champlin is back from General Assembly and busy as ever. He has applied for Navy Chaplaincy and has been passed by the Presbyterian Committee. Betty Braun expects to leave Anchorage in September. Yukon Presbytery needs three good ministers and a director of high quality.

Annual Report: Recently I read the summary of the annual report of the Board for Alaska. I am ashamed of it, and you will be, too, when you see it. It does not give a true picture of the volume or quality of our work, but it does have all the information which was available. Many of our workers have not sent in their monthly reports. Brethren we must insist on regular, full reports.

Report Forms: Everyone who is a resident pastor should be using the new forms and report in full all your activities. Fill every space for which you have or can get information which represents honestly your ministry. The report should be made out by the 15th of each month for the services and activities of the preceding month. The voucher should be made out and signed in ink for the current month. The first copy with the signed voucher should be sent direct to the Unit of Work in Alaska, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. The second copy should be sent to the Chairman of National Missions, and the yellow copy should be kept for the missionary's own record. We do not want to say "no reports-no salary" but we must have these reports and vouchers regularly.

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Remittances: When you forward money with your reports, P.O. Money Order is simplest and cheapest. Be specific about what the money is for-benevolence quota, special day offering, support of minister, payment of supplies, etc.

Literature: Enclosed are some helpful leaflets. You may want to order some of them. The one on Metlakatla is from our office. We have a few more if you need them. Copies of John's Gospel are available in quantities for free distribution.

Application for Aid: These were sent to each one in February 1945. Each congregation should meet in September, make out a budget, decide how much it can pay on the minister's salary in addition to local expenses, conduct an Every Member Canvass, and make a formal application for aid from the Board. Applications are in from Ketchikan, Skagway, and Wrangell. The rest should be received by October 1st so we can establish salary levels and their division between the Board and each Church.

Miscellaneous: Remember your benevolence apportionments as well as current expense. Last year we fell down on this. Send us newspaper clippings pertinent to developments that concern us. Plan a strong program of Bible Study and Evangelism in the Fall. Alaska is on the prayer calendar for early October. Stanley Jones will hold meetings during September - 1st week in Fairbanks, 2nd week Anchorage, 3rd week Juneau, 4th week Ketchikan.

Support Groups: Many of you are receiving your support through the Board from particular churches. Miss Gillespie, Secretary for Specific Work, asks a news letter twice a year for these groups. If you have five or less write direct, if more than five write the letter to Miss Gillespie. She will mimeograph it and send it from her office. At some time during the year tell your people where your support comes from and ask the officers to send a letter of thanks. Special needs of each mission should be sent to the office. It is a rule of the Board that no missionary or station should appeal direct to a supporting group for help.

Weddings: Be sure all your weddings are within the law of the Church. Divorce is allowable only on the grounds of infidelity and voluntary desertion. The innocent party may be remarried only after one year. Lay-workers should be careful to distinguish between government and church authority for weddings. Only ordained ministers have authority for Church marriages.

Written Sermons: It is reported that several are reading their sermons in the pulpit. Please stop. Fill your own heart with Christ and the needs of your people. "Preach the Word, be urgent - - reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching." (II Timothy 4:1,2) Know Christ yourself and tell your people about His love for them.

Cordially yours,



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Dear Co-Worker:

Encouraging reports are coming from every mission in the Territory where we have adequate leadership. Our chief difficulty comes from our inability to get capable people to fill all of our places. Those who are really devoting themselves to their ministry are reporting much more to do than they can accomplish.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox and two children have arrived at Haines and are finding much to be done. The Rev. and Mrs. Jackson L. Webster have arrived in Wrangell and are already deep in their ministry. The Rev. and Mrs. George Betts have moved to Hoonah and are living in a temporary house until one of the new village houses is available. The work on the new Church is going forward. Willie Duguqua has arrived in Petersburg to begin his work. Cyrus Peck was due at Klukwan the middle of September and we trust is there now. Miss Emma Stauffer has been transferred to Kasaan to reopen our work there. The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred E. Swogger are back at Metlakatla after their furlough in California. Metlakatla is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 21st. All of you who can send congratulations. The manse at Craig burned during the summer with the tragic loss of two children. It was owned by the Presbytery and there was no insurance. The Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson will move to Craig and Klawock this month. The Rev. Alwin E. Gall of Emery, South Dakota has been appointed to the Church in Hydaburg. We hope the family (four boys) will arrive by the end of October. The Church at Sitka is still pastorless. No provision has been made yet for Kake. We are working on these two and hope to have the best leadership possible for each one in the near future. The rest of the Alaska Presbytery workers are busy at their tasks. They are or ought to be doing their utmost for the Kingdom. These are days that call for the greatest spiritual power we possess.

Yukon Presbytery: We have no prospect yet for Barrow. Meanwhile Roy Ahmaogak is doing a good work but we are concerned to get someone as soon as possible so Wainwright can have Roy's services again. We hope to have The Rev. Percy Ipalook back at Wales soon. His people need him. Elmer Parker and Alice Green write interesting letters from St. Lawrence Island. Their people are loyal and faithful. The Navy has decided to leave Harry Champlin at Fairbanks. He is disappointed but we are happy to have him continue there in his good work. Miss Betty Braun of Anchorage and Miss Gertrude Bechtel of Fairbanks are leaving Alaska. They leave two important places where more help is needed rather than less. Armstrong, Alfson, Bingle, and Wotring all report more work to do than they can humanly accomplish. God send us devoted men and women to meet the challenge and spiritual needs of Alaska!

Christian Worker's Conference: This Fall brings a new development in Alaska Presbytery. From October 11th to 21st the Christian Worker's Conference will be held at Sheldon Jackson School. It is being sponsored by the School and the Presbytery. We are sending Dr. Dale D. Welch, President of Dubuque University and Miss Ann Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary for Promotion of Woman's Work of the Board of National Missions to supplement the leaders from Alaska. They hope to visit some of our mission work along the way. Pray for this new venture.

New Work: This winter we reopen our work at Kasaan and Klukwan and we hope to have workers in the other missions. This is a venture of faith for there are no additional funds available. The return of the Princeton-Hall and small increases in salaries have taken all of the increase in our budget. It is possible to do all this only if individual missions will increase their amount of the support of their missionaries. We count on each mission to do what it is capable of doing. There are more calls unanswered.

Reports again: It seems necessary again to say that all communications, including reports, should be sent to the Unit of Work in Alaska. Mail gets side tracked and even lost. Our office isn't perfect but remember that hundreds of thousands of letters come and go in the Board and best service is assured if communications are sent direct to the office concerned.

The Princeton-Hall and The General Missionary: We are endeavoring to send statements on the use of the Princeton-Hall to every one concerned. The boat has a definite program of ministry to the churches and lay workers in the Presbytery and an occasional help to Haines House and Sheldon Jackson School. Its main business is the advancement of the Church program. The Rev. Paul H. Prouty is the General Missionary of the Board in the Presbytery. His work is to minister with the boat. He represents the New York office in cooperation with the National Missions Committee in advancing the Church program.

The Year Book of Prayer: Alaska Missions and workers are on the list for early October. Consecrated people all over the world will be praying for you. You will not fail them.

Church Program: It is our privilege and opportunity to preach the Gospel. Let us interpret Christ as a living force in every life and plan a full Church program which will have in it some activity for people of every age which will include Bible Study, Worship, Christian Service, and Christian recreation.

Stewardship and Every Member Canvass: Teach stewardship of life, time, energy, and money. Have an Every Member Canvass and encourage your people to give in proportion to their blessings. We believe they want to share in the responsibility of their Church program and ministry. Remember your benevolence quota.

Applications for Aid: Not all the applications are in for aid from the Board. Every Church in the States which receives aid is required to complete the application before aid can be granted. Alaska is no exception. These completed applications must come.

Strong Church Organizations: We are not coddling a few followers, we are trying to build great Christians in strong Presbyterian Churches. Lay upon your people as much responsibility and leadership as they are capable of carrying. Get as many people working as possible. Have regular meetings of the Session, Trustees, Sunday school officers and teachers, and all organizations. Organize and lead your people to seek others for Christ and the Church. Have a period of special meetings and preach some evangelistic sermons. Warm up your own hearts and stir up the faith of your people.

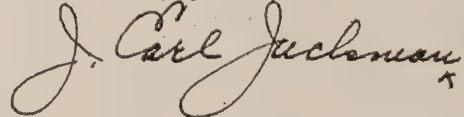
The Liquor Problem: Everywhere this problem is facing Alaska. Write to the Department of Social Education and Action of the Board of Christian Education for some sane educational materials.

The Next Presbytery Meeting: It is not too early to think of something constructive for the program of the next Presbytery. What things would you like to consider together for the advancement and deepening of our work in Alaska? Send your suggestions to the Stated Clerk and/or to the office.

Moving Day: When your people move to other communities notify our minister in the other community so they may be drawn into the Church where they are living.

Home Visitation Some reports indicate that few calls are being made in homes while others are making many calls. Without knowing local circumstances anyone can venture the statement of fact that the work is more effective where many calls are made especially where these are made to impart some spiritual gift or message - see Romans 1:11. This is a very important part of your ministry! In II Corinthians 12:14 Paul said: "I seek not yours but you." Seek to lead your people to Christ.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Carl Jackman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "J. Carl Jackman".

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Dictated but not
signed by Dr. Jackman

January 1946

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Dear Co-Worker:

New Year's greetings and best wishes to you for the finest year you have ever had. We are grateful for the many greetings from Alaska. They draw us closer together in our common task. We have sent Blackwood's, Planning a Year's Work to our Church leaders and hope it will be helpful. It may arrive late but it is on the way.

Alaska Presbytery: Mrs. James Rowan is serving at Klawock under the direction of The Rev. Verne Swanson until the month of May. Arthur Johnson has begun as a lay-worker and is in charge of the Kake Church. The Sitka Church has called The Rev. Elwood B. Hunter of Santa Paula, California and he is now on the field with his family. Fire seriously damaged the manse at Klukwan just as Cyrus Peck was getting ready to reunite his family. Renovation of the manse and Church will begin as soon as settlement can be made with the Insurance Company. The Hoonah people were to move into their new Church at the end of December but The Rev. George Betts reports they cannot use the building until March. We are trying to get furniture for it. The Rev. Verne Swanson is living at Klawock while he is leading the Craig people in rebuilding the Craig manse. The Alwin E. Gall family is in the manse at Hydaburg and busy at work. The Princeton-Hall has added William Woods to the crew as engineer. We are looking forward to the rededication of the ship at the meeting of Presbytery in Metlakatla. We had invited Dr. Everett B. King to do this at the Christian Workers' Conference in Sitka but he was unable to come. What about suggestions for the program of Alaska Presbytery?

Yukon Presbytery: The Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Lee and son David, eight years old, are making preparations to go to Barrow for a five year term. Mr. Lee will be commissioned at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board January 17th, will have a farewell service with his congregations at Horton, Kansas January 23rd, and will go North as soon as transportation can be arranged. After helping The Lees to get settled Roy Ahmaogak will move back to Wainwright to resume his work. The Rev. Percy Ipalook is back at Wales with his family. The Rev. Elmer E. Parker reports that the people of Gambell have renovated and painted their Church. The Board has made a grant to help the congregation at Savoonga get a new Church. We hope this will be accomplished next summer. The Anchorage Church is overcrowded and needs more room. We are still trying to find help for the Armstrongs and Champlins. The Rev. B.J. Bingle comes up for a furlough soon. Palmer Church (Alfsen) has put a concrete basement under the manse. Cordova has had an inspiration from the meeting of the Presbytery. The Board has approved and the Home Missions Council cleared the way for a new work at Whittier. We are looking for a single ordained man. The Arctic Coast workers are reminded their annual orders should be in the office by April 1st.

Property Report: A form for a report on the ownership valuation and needed repairs on property which the Board owns or is responsible for is enclosed. All reports should be in the office for tabulation the first week of February. Our whole property program in Alaska depends upon this report. Complete it and mail it immediately.

Reports again: All monthly reports are due in the office of the Unit of Work in Alaska monthly. Information should cover the calendar month. The January report should end January 31st. It should be made out by the 15th of February. The voucher should be made out for February's salary and should be signed in ink. The first copy with voucher should be air mailed to the Unit of Work in Alaska; the second copy should be mailed to The Rev. N. Harry Champlin, Box 2157, Fairbanks in Yukon Presbytery, and The Rev. Verne Swanson, Craig in Alaska Presbytery; and the third copy should be kept for your own record. Brothers and Sisters - please follow these instructions!

Annual Visit: Your Secretary's plan to spend June in Alaska Presbytery and July in the interior with a visit to all of the Arctic Missions is fast fading out. A High School commencement with honors in the family demands attention at home the end of June. Again the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council is projecting a survey party to the Territory next October and November. If the survey goes through, I will come to Alaska Presbytery only in April and both Presbyteries in the Fall. If the survey fails, I shall go up as far as Fairbanks in April and plan to visit the Arctic Coast in 1947.

Alaska Promotion: Alaska has been getting more publicity lately because we are getting better reports and stories from the field. Three men are still behind in their reports but the totals show a better quality and more volume of work for the year. Most of you are to be commended highly.

Miscellaneous: Be careful of your wallet size appointment card. If you lose it, notify the office. We do not want anyone else using your authority falsely. March 8th is listed as the World Day of Prayer. No benevolence credit is given in our Church for the offering on that day. It goes to the Home Missions Council for interdenominational work. A complimentary copy of the Year Book of Prayer has been sent to each one of you.

Easter Coming: Let us begin now to point up the program toward Easter, April 21st, with a communicant class, more personal work by Pastor and people, deeper Bible study, more evangelistic preaching, and a definite purpose to win more people to Christ and strengthen the Church. Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him.

The year 1946 may bring many changes and developments in Alaska. Our concern is that we shall be ready with faith and spiritual power to meet them victoriously. Christ is able to give us the power. Are we ready and able to use it?

Sincerely yours,

J. Carl Jackman

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Dear Co-worker:

Your Secretary has returned from Alaska with a feeling that the work of the Presbyterian Church is gaining strength. It is not yet what it could and ought to be but it is stronger than he has ever seen it and all of you are to be commended for all the good things you are doing.

Alaska Presbytery: After a year and a half of excellent service in Skagway, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Fredsell have returned to their old Church in Northville, Michigan. Dr. John T. Faris is supplying the Church in the interim and the Rev. and Mrs. John K. Dodge and daughter will sail from Vancouver June 15th to take charge of the Church. Under the guidance of Cyrus Peck and Andrew Wanamaker the men of Klukwan are renovating the Church and manse as fast as materials can be obtained. The new Church at Hoonah is not completed but was dedicated by the Presbytery on the Monday after Easter. We are expecting great things in Hoonah. The Princeton-Hall was rededicated at the meeting of Presbytery in Metlakatla, March 5th. One of the pressing needs of the Presbytery is a permanent competent crew for the Princeton-Hall. Paul Prouty needs two men who can be fully responsible for the ship so he can do more missionary and less mechanical work. The Board has voted to sell the recreation building in Ketchikan because we do not have provision for a separate worker there. The Alaska Presbyterian will be printed in Ketchikan under the direction of the Rev. Edward Freeman. Craig and Angoon are introducing the duplex envelopes. That's progress! The Rev. George Betts is the commissioner to the General Assembly.

Yukon Presbytery: The Lees arrived in Barrow, March 16th and have found plenty to do. Roy Ahmaogak has been elected the Elder commissioner to the General Assembly and is now in the States. Roy will remain "outside" next winter and go to Bloomfield Theological Seminary as a special student. Following this year of special work we hope the Presbytery will ordain him. The Wainwright Church will be led this coming winter by one of its Elders, Alan Nashoalook. The school house at Savoonga burned on March 19th. We are making every effort to secure money and materials for a new Church but the prospect is not too bright at this writing. Some arrangements are "cooking" for the Champlins at Fairbanks but are not "done" yet. We hope for some help for them soon. Eleanor Altman from Pittsburgh is on the Staff at Anchorage and finding plenty to do. Rev. B. J. Bingle of the Highway is the Commissioner to the General Assembly and expects to be outside with his family for two months.

Reports Again: Reports should cover the calendar month for all those serving individual churches and should be dated the end of the month. They should be made out before the 15th of the following month and the voucher signed in ink should call for the salary of the month in which it is made out. Reports are coming more regular and more complete. The annual statistical report to the Board is much better this year than last. Thanks and congratulations!

Survey Forms: All of the property report forms have not yet been received. We need these to get an accurate idea of property repair needs. We enclose another form to give us more definite information concerning general conditions in all the communities. Please return these promptly with your reports and another one is coming. Two recent fires in Alaska have proved that the insurance on Board owned properties is not adequate. Our Property Office has asked for more adequate reliable reports on the value of our buildings.

Survey Party: Again the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council is expecting to have a representative from each denomination visit Alaska late September and early October in the interests of comity, cooperation, and Protestant strategy. They propose to visit Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage, Seward, and Fairbanks with individual members visiting other centers of local interest.

Applications for Aid will be sent to all of the aided churches soon. They should be acted upon by the congregations for the budget year beginning October 1st and returned to the office early in September or before.

New Book: We recommend Romanism and the Gospel by C. Anderson Scott, Westminster Press \$2.00 (\$1.50 through our office). It compares the teachings of Roman Catholicism with the New Testament.

Vacation Bible School Materials: Leader's Manuals - "Bible Pioneers" and "We Would See Jesus" are available with posters. Every Church ought to have a Bible school and plant as much of the Word of God in hearts and lives as possible.

Benevolence Quotas: Don't wait until the end of the year to work on this. Do it through the regular offerings or raise it early.

Restoration Fund: Some of the Alaska quotas seem high but brethren it is my honest belief that every church can and ought to raise its 62% of the 1944 giving for current expense and benevolence. The need in Europe and Asia is desperate. The need of the Gospel at home and abroad is equally as desperate. Our church has no reason to talk about spiritual leadership unless we rise to meet this need. Dare to challenge your people.

Scripture Portions: The Gospel of John is available free in quantity and soon an illustrated booklet of the Sermon on the Mount for memorization will be ready. Let us scatter the seed.

Examine our Ministry: When the Apostle Paul talked about people coming to the Lord's table he said, "Let a man examine himself". When we talk about our ministry in Alaska we say, "Let all of us examine ourselves." Are we living and interpreting Christ to the people among whom we work? Are we seeking people to lead them to Christ? Are we trying to build strong Christians for the Kingdom and the Church? Are we doing our best in our task? Let a man examine himself and so let him labor for the Lord and His people.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman

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INTRODUCING MISS CAROLYN MATHEWS

Miss Carolyn Mathews has been a Field Secretary of the Board of National Missions for Women's Work in the Chicago office and has recently been elected by the Board to be the head of a new office for Women's Work in Kansas City, Missouri. Prior to taking up her duties in that city, the Promotion Department would like to have her visit as much of our work in Alaska as possible within the amount of time which she has available.

Miss Mathews' home is in Washington, D.C. She has had missionary experience in Syria with a trip around the world. She was a church worker in war industry areas in New England, has had mission experience in the southern mountains, and has visited our Southern Mountain and Negro fields. She is now specializing in the promotion of Women's Work throughout the whole Church and a visit to Alaska will broaden her missionary background to take up her new responsibilities.

Miss Mathews is a young woman of unusual personal charm and winning personality. You will be delighted with her and you ought to take advantage of her coming if possible to have a meeting of your women. Do not hesitate to call upon her to speak to your women about the work of our whole Presbyterian Church particularly in national Missions. While she is coming up to absorb something of our missionary program, we also expect her to make some contribution to the advance of our work. She will be in the summer conference at Sitka and ought to be used as widely as opportunity presents to promote Women's Work wherever arrangements can be made for these meetings.

We have arranged the following itinerary (weather permitting) and hope her coming may be a real benefit to Alaska as well as the promotion of our work in future years in the central area of the United States:

- May 21st - - Lv. Seattle for Metlakatla via Pan-American
a day with Rev. & Mrs. Swogger
- " 22nd - - to Ketchikan
two days with Rev. and Mrs. Freeman
- " 24th - - on Princeton-Hall
going North with delegates to Young People's Conference
- " 28th to Young People's Conference, Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka
- June 4th - - " " " " " " " " " "
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- " 8th - - on boat returning delegates north
- " 9th - - Juneau to Cordova via Alaska Airlines or Pacific Northern
a day with Rev. & Mrs. Wotring
- " 10th - - fly to Anchorage via Cordova Air Service
a day with Rev. & Mrs. Armstrong
- " 11th - - bus to Palmer
a day with Rev. & Mrs. Alfsen
- " 12th - - bus to Anchorage
- " 14th - - fly to Fairbanks via Alaska Airlines
two days with Rev. & Mrs. Champlin
- " 17th - - A.M. fly to Juneau via Pan American
two days with Rev. & Mrs. Booth
- " 20th - - A.M. Juneau to Seattle via Pan-American

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Introducing Miss Carolyn Mathews

Treat her kindly brethren she's a nice girl! She isn't breakable but do not give her more than a six foot sea. Thanks in advance for all of the courtesies which you can offer her. She does not desire to inconvenience any household arrangements of the missionary's family. Do not hesitate to get her a hotel reservation because she'll probably have a little work to do on the way herself.

J. Earl Jackman.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dear Co-worker:

Reports which come into the office indicate a heavier summer program among the full time workers and a greater response to our challenge and opportunity for service. High praise to you who are doing your utmost to offer a Christian ministry. Thus will our work be strengthened and the Kingdom advanced.

Alaska Presbytery: John Dodge has reported the arrival of his family in Skagway with full enthusiasm to take up their work. Cyrus Peck reports that the manse at Klukwan is nearly ready for occupancy and they will move in when they return from the summer at Craig. Some repair work has been done on the Kasaan manse and will be done later on the Church. The Kake manse is on the list for repair in the Fall. Petersburg Church is badly in need of a new roof and repairs. The Princeton-Hall is in the midst of another large Vacation Bible School program. The recreation building at Ketchikan is in process of sale. We are anticipating the opening of the new government school on Japonski Island and have approached the Home Missions Council about a worker for this Fall. The usual procedure in relation to government schools is for the Council to make an appropriation for the worker and assign the responsibility for supervision to some denomination operating in that vicinity. For the present there will be no facility on the Island for the services and it would seem fitting for us to offer the use of our Church in Sitka for their services. It is expected that the Christian Worker's Conference will meet again at Sheldon Jackson Junior College (the new official name) from September 18th to 30th. Miss Taylor has promised a woman leader and we are "scouring the country" to find a good man leader and preacher. Mr. Wurster will be Dean again.

Yukon Presbytery: Mr. Roy Ahmaogak of Barrow is at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Oklahoma and will be at Bloomfield Theological Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey after September 1st for the Winter. We were not able to get the materials for a new Church at Savoonga. Civilian Production Administration turned us down on the West Coast and all of our efforts in Chicago and Washington, D.C. were of no avail. Savoonga has no building for school or Church next winter. Remember Alice Green in your prayers. She is doing an excellent work with no equipment. Miss Dorothy Nichols was due to arrive July 8th at Fairbanks to help on the staff. The hospital in Palmer burned and our Board has authorized the Department of Missionary Operation, Unit of Education and Medical Work, to enter negotiations if we should be asked by the community to operate it. All of you will be interested to know that the Klerckoper's with the triplets are still planning to go to Iran near the end of August. Their present address is 114 Summit Avenue, Ithaca, New York.

Alaska at the General Assembly: All three Commissioners, Ahmaogak, Betts, and Bingle, spoke at the Pre-Assembly Conference on National Missions, and appeared at the Women's Meeting. Bingle spoke at the National Missions supper and your Secretary spoke to the Assembly on Alaska.

Community Survey Sheets: Not all of them have been received as yet. Please send the rest. Through your cooperation we are building up more basic information about Alaska, and each village and mission than the office has ever had. Thanks and keep going.

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Survey Party: We regret to announce that again the Home Missions Council has postponed the visit of the Survey Party. The plan now is to send an individual expert surveyor who will visit key centers and gather material for an inter-denominational meeting in Alaska in April or May, we hope.

Building Needs: Our Board has appointed a special Committee to study the building needs of all our mission fields. We are asking the Church to provide some funds for aid for new buildings and renovation of old ones. Don't depend upon the limited knowledge of your Secretary. Give us a full picture of your present situation and your future responsibilities and needs.

Benevolence Giving: Alaska benevolence giving went forward last year. The total advance was \$1000. The Arctic Coast and self-supporting Churches are largely responsible for this advance. Congratulations and don't wait until the end of the year.

Restoration Fund: Great encouragement is abroad about raising the total fund. We believe every Church in Alaska is capable of raising its quota if the need is properly put to the people.

Applications for Aid must be in the New York office by early September. They should come to us through the National Missions Chairman - Champlin in Yukon; Webster in Alaska.

Pension Deductions: Our Treasury Department is deducting the 3% dues from the salaries of the Arctic Coast and Native lay-workers. The Board has declined to deduct for regular ordained men. If you want this have Presbytery act on it and see what happens.

Miss Mathews has returned with the usual story that Alaska has won her heart. She is grateful for all of your courtesies and hopes that she may have been a little helpful to you. Thanks again.

Summer Visitors: A Pastor-Evangelist, Rev. E. M. Anderson, and his family expect to go to Alaska this summer for evangelistic services. We know little about them and have no recommendation for or against. Dr. John Myers, Presbyterian Elder of Kansas City, Mo., and former Medical Missionary in Saxman under our Board is returning to Alaska for a visit. Grant an old timer every possible courtesy.

Visitors in New York office: We were delighted to receive all the Commissioners to the General Assembly, Roy Ahmaogak, George Betts, Bert Bingle and family. Later we had a visit from George Beck of Ketchikan. Mr. Beck is supposed to be ill but he looked very healthy and cheerful about it.

On the job: When a person is under Board or Church employ, it usually means full time and effort on his or her job. This principle has been violated. It ought not to be necessary among Christian leaders to remind some of their conscientious responsibilities.

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The Evangelistic Index for last year in Alaska was .04 which is below the average for the whole Church. Our main business is to save souls and build them up to be strong Christians. Let us lay wider and deeper plans for this next Fall.

A Concern for your people: One of your own number, Alice Green, points the way: "Just before Easter a group were returning by dogteam from Gambell. One of the teams driven by the only Non-Christian got lost. For two weeks it stormed -- but we continued steadfast in prayer for him. Finally they went in search and found him in one of the camps on the south side of the Island. We met in his home for a service of thanksgiving. We are praying that his experience will work a change in his heart. The following Sunday, he was in attendance for the first time in the services. He is still not willing to confess Christ as his Saviour but I believe the Lord is working in him, and I have great faith that soon we will be able to welcome him into the Church." Brethren are you also so concerned for the spiritual welfare of your people?

Cordially yours,

Earl Jackman

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Dear Co-worker:

The last issue of the Alaska Presbyterian breathes the spirit of accomplishment and progress in every field. It does not reveal our weaknesses and gives us no cause for satisfaction but does indicate that physical and spiritual progress is possible when we completely dedicate our resources to the cause of Christ.

Alaska Presbytery: On August 1st, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burrows of Juneau began service on the Princeton-Hall. They have taken the responsibility for the physical condition and operation of the ship while Mr. Prouty gives more attention to the missionary program. The Burrows have proven themselves very helpful in the missionary work also. On September 1st, Miss Emma M. Stauffer requested that she be transferred to Haines House. This was granted. She has performed a heroic ministry in the Church program. At this writing, the Rev. B. Ross Cleeland and his family are trying feverishly to get to Klawock to begin their ministry there early in October. Kasaan is being supplied temporarily, and service for Petersburg has not been settled yet. We still need more workers of high quality.

Yukon Presbytery: Roy Ahmaogak is at Bloomfield Theological Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey and has begun the translation of the Gospel of Mark. He misses his family but is enjoying his work. In his absence Alva Nashoalook is leading the services at Wainwright. Harry Champlin and family drove to the States via the Alaska Highway for a much needed vacation. Bert Bingle is taking his Sunday services. Congratulations to the Alfsens upon the arrival of a young son, Victor Irvin, on August 22nd. Not all of the Applications for Aid have been received yet. The rule of the Board is that no grants are made unless these completed applications are in. If you have sent yours, thanks for your cooperation. If you have not sent yours, send it now.

Mail Service for Checks: We regret a recent delay in arrival of checks. Our Treasury recently decided regular mail would get your checks on time. We were not aware of this until the complaints began to come in. We have asked for airmail service.

Reports and Vouchers: Some of you have been most cooperative in sending your reports and vouchers regularly and on time. Checks are supposed to be sent only when reports and signed vouchers are in. We have been lenient on this but are going to creep-up on delinquents. Beginning October 1st where mail service is adequate the salary check for November will not be sent out until the October voucher which accompanies the report for the calendar month of September is in the office. Allowance will be made in some places for inadequate mail service but reports and vouchers must be mailed regularly. Fill every space on the report form for which you have information and total all columns. Be sure to put in benevolence and current expense giving, and what the Pastor has received in salary or what has been sent in Field Receipts. We ask the churches to bear an increasing amount of the support of the missionary. We depend upon this report to know whether the churches have paid. If they do not, we will write about it. We do not want our office and the missionary embarrassed if payment has been made and not reported.

On the Job: During the time of employment by the Board and the Church, it is expected that the missionary will be on the job (except for vacation) building his own spiritual life and ministering to his congregation and community. Training conferences and Presbytery are a part of his work. Each one must face his duty when he receives salary from his people and the Board.

New Church Year: Beginning January 1, 1948 the Church Year will be the calendar year and the Board of National Missions is proposing to make it the Budget Year. From April 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947, we shall have a nine month's Church Year. From October 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947, the Board will have a three month's period between budget years. This will cause some confusion but we shall all try to make the necessary adjustments.

Dr. Dawber's Visit: The Home Missions Council has decided that Dr. Dawber shall visit Alaska in November 1946 or earlier if possible to make an impartial survey in the interests of comity, greater cooperation, and a more effective ministry in the Territory from all churches. He will visit the larger centers and every place where there is any question of comity. This means, at least, Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Anchorage, Fairbanks. There are other places he wants to visit. Give him every cooperation and tell your story.

Year Book of Prayer: Alaska workers are on the prayer list for October. Day by day we shall be thinking of you and Presbyterian people around the world will be praying for you. You are not alone. Your whole Church will pray that God will bless you and you will have a faithful and effective ministry.

Winter Program: This is Stewardship Enlistment Year, the completion of the Restoration Fund, the beginning of the New Life Movement, and the opportunity for evangelism through preaching missions. Let us deepen the spiritual lives of our people, reach out unitedly and draw others to Christ, share in supplying the needs of helpless people across the waters through the Restoration Fund, and build stronger foundations in the financial structure of our own churches. It is a great year in which to work. Remember Sheldon Jackson, before he went to Alaska, had a vision of taking Alaska for Christ. Keep the vision!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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According to the best information we could get from all sources the following is a picture of the giving of our Churches and Missions in Alaska for last church and budget year. The figures may not be without mistakes.

<u>Churches</u>	Oct. 1945 Sept. 1946 <u>Local Support of Pastor</u>	April 1945 March 1946 <u>Benevolence Quota</u>	April 1945 March 1946 <u>Benevolence Received</u>	Restoration Fund to 9/25/1946
<u>Alaska Presbytery</u>				
Angoon	\$ 105.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 71.00	\$ 20.00'
Craig	180.00	20.00	61.00	-----
Haines	385.00	100.00	251.00	176.25
Hoonah	-----	25.00	53.00	-----
Hydaburg	300.00	90.00	133.00	64.14
Juneau, Memorial	255.00	150.00	59.00	-----
" , No. Light	self-supporting	450.00	550.00	36.81
" , Auk Lake	no worker	10.00	15.00	-----
Kake	200.00	50.00	99.00	-----
Kasaan	100.00	5.00	22.00	206.00
Ketchikan	534.00	220.00	342.00	47 14
Saxman	no worker	5.00	-----	-----
Klawock	100.00	50.00	43.00	-----
Klukwan	141.00	35.00	52.00	-----
Metlakatla	192.00	260.00	122.00	295.75
Petersburg	198.00	75.00	131.00	-----
Sitka	self-supporting	500.00	610.00	575.52
Skagway	661.51	250.00	371.00	167.78
Wrangell	605.00	250.00	226.00	83.70
Princeton-Hall				
Motorship	* 157.79	-----	-----	-----
<u>Yukon Presbytery</u>				
Anchorage	self-supporting \$1,371.79		\$1,695.00	\$1,008.41
Barrow	** 229.10	62.82	297.00	-----
Barter Island	-----	-----	-----	-----
Cordova	733.94	142.86	162.00	23.15
Fairbanks	self-supporting	597.66	269.00	243.41
Nenana	no worker	-----	-----	-----
Palmer	400.00	206.15	299.00	344.00
Gambell) St. Law- **	80.00	367.50	296.00	100.00
Savoonga) rence Id.	-----	-----	125.00	22.83
Wainwright	** 44.12	78.52	242.00	-----
Wales	-----	55.00	75.00	-----

* Field Receipts put into Depreciation Fund

**Field Receipts used for maintenance support

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Dear Co-worker:

The Alaska Presbyterian has come again with more news about the local churches than your Secretary can put in a two page general letter. We congratulate all of you on the progress you are making and ask all to work and pray together that we may overcome our weaknesses and have a stronger forward movement.

Additional News: The Princeton-Hall has been laid up for extensive repairs at Sitka but was to be ready for service early January. The Harry Champlins have returned to their work in Fairbanks. On February first Miss Thelma Glenn goes up to help Rolland Armstrong in Anchorage. That Church assumes her full salary. We are still working on Petersburg and Auk Lake but have no favorable report yet.

Monthly Reports: The response on monthly reports and vouchers is the best in our three years. The publicity office has asked for our annual statistical report this month and your reports will help us show a more adequate picture of the work which is being done. We are holding the monthly checks of two missionaries until reports are received. We regret this but it seems to be the only way to get the required accounting.

Officers Meetings: It has recently been called to our attention that many Sessions and Boards of Trustees are not meeting regularly. These bodies should meet monthly and occasionally together to be given responsibility and opportunity for leadership in guiding and supporting the Church. We are interested in strong Christians and strong Churches.

Leaflets: We are enclosing samples of leaflets which are available to you through our office. Portions of the Gospel of John are available in quantity and the American Bible Society will help us with Bibles. Let us get the Scriptures into every home and heart.

Survey: The Board has authorized a survey of all National Missions work to adjust our service and ministry to the post-war task. The Sub-Committee on Alaska is earnest and sincere about its task. We will be asking for your help.

Statistics for Alaska and Yukon: In preparing material for the Committee on Alaska, we compiled the General Assembly statistics from 1930. The increase in giving is most encouraging. Yukon Presbytery has gone ahead in Church membership but Alaska Presbytery has fewer members than in the early thirties. The New Life Movement is needed.

Benevolence Quotas: Let us not wait until March to complete our benevolence quotas. Let us do something now about sharing in the world need for the Gospel.

Church Support: During January we hope to get letters off to all the churches which have not paid their part of the support of their missionaries. We depend upon you to keep us informed about this.

Repair Needs: Our Treasury Department is experimenting with a report form which will describe the condition of the Church properties, what the local group can do toward repairs, and what help the Board will need to provide. We hope to get them out soon so we can plan for repair needs for next summer.

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Annual Visit: Your Secretary hopes to come again in April. He wants to be in Alaska Presbytery and go into the Interior and St. Lawrence Island. Dr. Dawber of the Home Missions Council and Dr. Brown of the Methodist Board hope to come at the same time. Survey problems for greater interdenominational co-operation may take most of the time and prevent the St. Lawrence trip but the rest seems assured.

World Day of Prayer: February 21st is the World Day of Prayer. Let us plan to make fullest use of "the mightiest power in the World". We are in desperate need of this power. The offering goes toward the support of interdenominational projects under the Home Missions Council.

Goals for 1947: This year can be a significant year in the life of our Church and the Territory. Alaska needs the Gospel and our Church is launching the New Life Movement which calls for new spiritual life in the Church and through the Church to the Territory and nation. Let us set advance goals for this year - deeper spiritual life, an advance in members, more in Sunday School and Youth work, greater giving, and more leaders. Each of us should dedicate himself or herself to a definite share in the advance.

Basic Teachings: Are we emphasizing basic teachings from the Bible? What it means to be a Christian? The heritage and power of the Christian Church? The beliefs and government of the Presbyterian Church? The reports show more pastoral calls. Remember Christ said: "I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep." Let us know our people and lead them to Christ. How many lives were changed in your community last year? How many will be changed through you during the coming year?

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc: Is Your Health Going Up in Smoke?
Christ's Sermon on the Mount (illustrated)
Bibliography for the Development of the Devotional Life

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Alaska News Letter

July 1947

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Dear Co-worker:

Summer reports which are coming into the office show a higher level of attendance at the services than last summer. This indicates a better response from people in the villages because of the later fishing season and an unusual response from cannery workers. A larger number of Bible Schools also gives promise of more Christian work than before. We trust these will bear fruit for the Kingdom.

Alaska Presbytery: After years of faithful service in Alaska the Rev. Jackson L. Webster has had to retire because of health and the Wrangell church is being supplied during July by Dr. John T. Faris and August by Mr. James Robinson of S. J. J. C. As soon after September 9th as transportation is available from Seattle the Rev. George C. (Jack) Crowell and wife from the Calvary Church of Chicago will go north to take up the work at Wrangell. The Wrangell Session has joined in the invitation to the Crowell's. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baber have gone to Kasaan to carry our work for the summer. A survey is being conducted in Pelican to determine whether a church will be started there and whether it will be a Presbyterian church. After eleven months of service Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burrows are leaving the Princeton-Hall to go back to settled life in Juneau. The Princeton-Hall is having a full program of Vacation Bible Schools through June and July. Dr. Thorne and party will be in Southeastern Alaska taking pictures during August.

Yukon Presbytery: The Rev. Roy Ahmaogak has finished his work at Bloomfield Seminary, has translated Mark and Romans into the language of his people, has prepared a simple primer to teach his people to read, has been ordained by his Presbytery and is now back on his field at Wainwright ready to begin a new and greater chapter of his life. Fred Koschmann has graduated from Dubuque Seminary and has driven his family back to Anchorage where he will begin his work in Faith Chapel and vicinity and will come before the Presbytery for ordination in the Fall. Bert Bingle drove a load of young people to the national meeting of Westminster Fellowship in Iowa and proceeded to Yakima, Washington to open the meeting of the Synod as the retiring Moderator. Sam Lee has resumed the annual visit among the people on the Arctic Coast and writes a thrilling account of the six day trip by plane. We are grateful to Alva Nashoalook for his leadership in the Wainwright church during Roy's absence.

Alaska at The Assembly: Alaska was well represented by Walter Soboleff and Ralph Young of Alaska Presbytery and Ray Wotring and Andrew Nerland of Yukon. Several participated in the various phases of the Assembly and all were on hand to have a picture taken presenting an official invitation to the Moderator to visit Alaska during his term of office. He has promised to come (with his wife) and the Stated Clerk has written that plans will be made for this trip during the winter or spring. We hope he can visit Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks, at least.

Home Missions Council Survey: This committee was deeply impressed by Alaska's problems and needs. Your Secretary regrets the negative publicity but already the first meeting of the Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council has produced more constructive actions than for several years, and there are more to come.

Report of Mrs. Ruth Bronson: Mrs. Bronson has just brought back the report to the Home Missions Council that the Presbyterians have forbidden their native workers to hold public office and was surprised to have us deny it. Our first task is to present the Gospel and to build a program of Christian service to the community through the church. We must develop Christian leaders who will take responsibility for good things in the communities. Our workers ought to accept moral and spiritual leadership in their communities but we do not want them to become involved in political divisions which might split their churches. We have never forbidden anyone to hold a public office but we have had to remind two or three that their main task is the Christian ministry and two many other "jobs" can absorb too much of their time and energy.

The Salvation Army: Many of our people are asking for a statement of attitude toward the Salvation Army. Our Assembly decided years ago it was not a church and we could not recognize it as a church. Now their national officers claim they are a church and want to be so recognized. We pointed out that we must tell our people they are a competing church and our people should give their money and leadership through their own church. They insist upon being a church even though they lose the gifts and leaders from our people. They are recognized as a church in Canada with a bad competitive result in many places. We are seeking clarification through the General Assembly office. The probable result will be that we recognize them as a Protestant group but cannot give a letter to any of our people to join them because they do not practice Baptism or the Lord's Supper. We must tell our people the Salvation Army has chosen to be a competitive body and their gifts and effort should be used through their own church.

Anderson Ambassadors: Again the Anderson family (father and four ministerial sons of various denominations) are off to Alaska by plane. They hope to contact many places, in some of which we have mission work. We make no recommendation about them. They have learned some lessons from the experience of last year and have agreed to respect existing denominational lines on the local fields. They could be helpful but we believe the salvation of Alaska will not come from flying evangelists but from you people who bear the daily struggle of keeping people in contact with Christ.

Adult Workers' Conference: The annual Adult Workers' Conference for employed and volunteer church workers will be held again in Sitka October 16th to 26th. Mrs. Charles B. Fernald, member of the Board of National Missions and President of New Jersey Synodical will be the leader for the women's group. Dr. Joseph M. Broady, with a long list of prominent places of leadership in our church, will be the other outside leader. Dr. Broady will be supplying for Willis Booth from Aug. 15th to October 23rd and we have asked him to take the Bible Hour, a course in evangelism and be the conference preacher at Sitka. In order to do that we will need a supply for Northern Light for October 19th. Any suggestions to Willis Booth? Let us begin now

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to list the leaders in every congregation to attend this conference. If some of the people from the Interior can drive down to Haines arrangements can be made to pick them up by boat.

World Wide Communion Sunday: Supplies should be ordered now for use the first Sunday in October. Let this day be preceded by an every member visitation calling our people to remember Christ at His table.

Plan Book: We are asking the United Promotion office to mail a copy to all of our workers. Again it is a valuable guide for a church program.

Building Repairs: Following the meeting of the General Assembly in Seattle next May a number of Presbyterian people want to visit our work in Alaska which would be the first and second weeks in June. We hope to plan for a large group in southeastern Alaska, a smaller group in the Interior and perhaps a still smaller group to the Arctic Coast. One thing connected with this is that all buildings should be put in good repair. Every church should plan to do this. We have found that it is too expensive for us to provide Andrew Wanamaker unless a large number of local people will volunteer their help to do the job quickly. We have no funds for a permanent carpenter and whatever we pay Andrew must be charged against the Board's part of the cost of repairs.

New Budget Year: Beginning January 1, 1948 the Budget Year of the Board will conform to the church year and the calendar year. Applications for aid from the churches should be completed in the Fall, passed by the congregations and returned to the office. Forms will be mailed early in September. Again we are asking congregations to carry as much of the support of their workers as they are able.

Restoration Fund: The General Assembly again emphasized that we must raise the full amount of the Restoration Fund. The need is greater than the amount requested. Make a conscientious presentation of the need and ask the Lord to bring the response.

Benevolence Giving: No figures for the last church year are available yet but we assume there has been an advance in benevolence giving from Alaska. Ten year reports from Hydaburg and Ketchikan show amazing progress and Barrow reports the largest pledge in the history of the church. Adjustments in salaries depend upon benevolence giving from the whole church. The quotas will have to be higher to maintain higher salaries and increased costs.

Supplies: Now is the time to make sure of necessary supplies such as Sunday School materials, offering envelopes, World Wide Communion, New Life Movement, Stewardship, Bibles, copies of the illustrated edition of the Sermon on the Mount (we can supply these free) etc. Let us get ready for a great fall and winter.

Truly in Alaska the fields are white unto the harvest and laborers are too few. There are many tares among the wheat and brambles among the bushes. The seed of the Gospel is waiting to be sown by you and there are individual souls waiting to be "watered and cultivated" by you. We pray the Lord will bless your own life and use and guide you in your work so that your ministry will bring forth fruit 100 fold.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

October 1947

Alaska News Letter

October 1947

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Dear Co-worker:

Day by day and name by name, Presbyterians around the world are thinking and praying for and about each one of you in Alaska. As those of us who know you personally travel about the country in our regular work people everywhere who know something about you ask for more information. There are times when you may seem alone where you are but God and your personal and Presbyterian friends have you in heart and mind and are concerned for your welfare.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. and Mrs. George C. (Jack) Crowell have arrived in Wrangell and have begun their work. The Rev. and Mrs. W. Floyd Kuykendall are in Juneau supplying for the Booths until the middle of October. Mrs. Walter Soboleff is in the Japonski Island hospital at Sitka for an operation on her hip. The Board has approved the purchase of a new motor for the Princeton-Hall. The ship is still without a permanent crew to help Paul Prouty. We hope this will be settled soon. Ralph Weeks, formerly of Sheldon Jackson Jr. College faculty, is now directing the religious work in the Mt. Edgecumbe Government School on Japonski Island under the Home Missions Council.

Yukon Presbytery: The Elmer Parkers have arrived in Denver for hospitalization. Elmer has been in bed and on crutches for several weeks, and his wife has been taking penicillin to carry on. Both are anticipating operations and the return to Gambell after recovery. The Ray Wotrings are arranging to leave Cordova for Spokane, Washington as of October 10th. No replacement is available now, and the Presbytery has arranged for the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Demott of the Northern Baptist Convention to serve Cordova temporarily. The Board has provided the funds for a new manse for Faith Chapel in Anchorage. Many people have had a part in the arrangements. It isn't finished yet but the Fred Koschmanns are in it and rejoicing over each step nearer completion. Fred was ordained in the Anchorage Church in September. The Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council has allocated the Protestant religious work in the University of Alaska and the village of College to the Presbyterians. Dr. Bunnell, President of the University, has generously given a lot along the main road. If the 1948 budget will provide the funds, we shall look for a worker.

Christian Worker's Conference: The annual Conference will be held again at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Two carloads of people from the Interior are expecting to come down the Highway to Haines to be picked up on the ship. Dr. John M. Paxton, Western Representative of the New Life Movement, will take the courses on Bible and Evangelism and bring the evening messages. He will not have time to do any visiting after the Conference. Mrs. Charles B. Fernald, President of New Jersey Synodical and a member of the Board of National Missions, is being sent by Miss Ann Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary of Promotion for Women's Work, to take the leadership of the woman's work and visit as many women's groups as possible as far north as Fairbanks. We pray for a great Conference. Alaska Presbytery will meet at the Conference.

Visit of the Moderator: No date has been set yet. Majority of reports from Alaska seem to favor the later date.

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Seminar trip June 1948: Plans are pointing toward a visit from a group of Presbyterians, say fifty or sixty, immediately following the General Assembly. This might include southeastern, Interior, and Arctic Coast.

Mission Study for 1948-49 will include Alaska. General books are being written under the Missionary Education Movement. Presbyterians should have a fairly complete booklet telling something of the story of our work and including something from every church. Our Publicity Office would like to have a statement of 2000 words (more or less) from each one of you about your church and village. Write of the history, the people, the changes, the present situation, the prospects - just what you would tell a church audience. Tell of the problems and successes. Give day to day stories of decision for Christ and the growth of Christians. Some reproducible pictures would be helpful. This is important. The deadline at our office is December 1st. If your station is left out it will be because we have no material from you.

Applications for Aid and requests to the churches to share in the salaries of our workers have been mailed from the office. They should be completed, approved in meetings of congregations, and forwarded to the Chairman of National Missions by December 1st. This is a time and opportunity to teach responsibility. Let us make the most of it! We urge regular use of duplex envelopes, regular offerings, and regular monthly payments to missionary-pastors.

Now Church Year: January 1st begins the new church year. We face the greatest benevolence program which any Protestant Church ever attempted. It will demand education, work, and sacrifice. Right now benevolence gifts are not large enough to balance the budget. Our Board faces a deficit of a half million dollars in December unless churches will increase their giving and forward it promptly. To maintain our work on the present level there must be more self-support and larger benevolence giving. To advance in 1948 means more of the same thing. Churches in Alaska are a part of the whole church.

The Tongass Bill: We pled with Senators and later with the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to settle the Native claims in Alaska before any timber is sold from lands involved in those claims. The proposed timber for pulpwood mills would help develop Alaska but we believe this development should come through honesty to the Indians and honor to the government.

Reports and Vouchers: We look forward to and must have your monthly reports and vouchers regularly. At present there are two who are far enough behind to warrant stopping their salaries until the reports and vouchers are in.

New Life: The Spirit of God is waiting to stir the souls of people - individuals, families, communities - when we are ready and conditioned to be His agents. Recently, a pastor in one of our noonday staff Prayer Meetings said the New Life Movement must begin first in the ministers, and second in the Board Secretaries. Let us be deeply conscious of the stirring of the Spirit and be ready to be used of Him to stir others! The Lord bless you now and always.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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ALASKA NEWS LETTER

January 1948

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Dear Coworker:

By the time you receive this I will have seen some of you for the Moderator and his wife have asked me to accompany them on a week's trip to Alaska. This was more time than he could give but we have urged him to give a week as a minimum requirement to visit at least the larger centers. The schedule is as follows:

Feb. 2nd	Lv. Seattle to Metlakatla and Ketchikan via Pan-American
" 3rd	Juneau via Pan American Airlines
" 4th	Sitka via Alaska Coastal
" 5th	Anchorage via Pacific Northern
" 6th	Fairbanks via Alaska Airlines
" 7th	To Seattle via Pan American Airlines

We know a little bit about Alaskan weather and travel. This is a very tight schedule. We believe this trip will do much to advance the Lord's work in Alaska and the States, so we ask all to pray for the favor of God to complete the full trip. We wish we could visit every village.

Alaska Presbytery: We are glad to report that Genevieve Soboleff has come through a major operation and is home again with her family. We trust this means a full recovery. We are glad to welcome George Everest as the First Mate on the Princeton-Hall. The Princeton-Hall has been tied up in Juneau for the installation of new water tanks and a new motor. Haines has led the way in contributions toward these installations.

Yukon Presbytery: Jonneth Ann Lee has had great difficulty in adjusting to food in her young life in Barrow. Mrs. Lee has taken both children to her home in York, Nebraska to work out Jonneth Ann's health problem. The Parkers have been in Denver, Colorado for an operation on Mrs. Parker and the recovery of both. They are both in better health, and sailed from Seattle January 17th for an early return to Gambell. Arctic Coast stations should have their annual orders into our office by March 1st.

Station Histories: In October we asked each one to give us a statement of five hundred words concerning the history, changes, present situation and prospects of your field. The deadline was to be December 1st. Ten out of twenty-seven have been received. Our Publicity Office has now asked us for these because they have the responsibility for preparing material on the Presbyterian program in Alaska for the mission study for 1948-49. We wanted this ready for General Assembly. The Alaska picture will be shown, Presbyterian Life is going to feature Alaska in May, a little leaflet "Welcome to Alaska" for tourists will be ready but there is no prospect yet for this study material. If your story hasn't been prepared, please do it at your earliest convenience.

The Alaska Picture is getting the finishing touches now. The proposed title, "Light in Alaska" may be discarded for "Our Northern Outpost" or something similar. It is being sounded with musical background and a trained narrator voice.

Summer Program: There are more things proposed for Alaska than can be accomplished. There is a possibility that the Sheldon Jackson Choir may sing at the General Assembly, and that a boat load of ministers and elders may come down for the Assembly. An attempt is being made for a group of people (50 in southeastern

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Alaska and 25 in the Interior) to visit our work as far north as Fairbanks or even Barrow immediately after the Assembly. The two Youth Conferences should be held as usual and National Missions and Christian Education would like to have a Caravan Training Conference with 3 teams of five boys and girls each to spend a week of service in Vacation Bible School, youth recreation, and worship under the Westminster Fellowship plan in fifteen villages and towns. Some adjustments in time, arrangements, and resources must be made to complete all of this. Suggested programs and requests for your suggestions have been mailed for everything except the Caravan proposal which is now in the works, very few suggestions have come from those concerned in Alaska. We need more because this must be a cooperative venture.

Reports again: There are still a few who have the impression that reports run from the middle to the middle of months. All reports should be on the calendar month and statistics for attendances at services and meetings should be listed under 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays and weeks of the calendar month. The statistics and narrative (do not continue narrative over on the back of the voucher) should be completed early the following month and the salary voucher signed in ink for the following month and forwarded to the Alaska office early in the month. This means: statistics for January and voucher for February mailed by the 10th or 15th of February. Statistics for February and voucher for March mailed by the 10th or 15th of March, etc. Any salary adjustments between the field and the headquarter's office would be made as early as possible.

Finances: It is too early yet to get a report on the finances of the Board and the benevolence giving of the Alaska churches. We do know that our Board will have a substantial deficit as of December 31st, possibly as much as \$500,000. If the whole Church, including the Alaska churches, give according to their best ability in 1948 a part of this deficit can be cared for and some advance made, but if 1948 brings no advance in giving, we shall be forced to reduce work. We all need to make this a matter of stewardship, activity, and prayer. We congratulate Metlakatla, Hydaburg, Juneau Memorial, Haines, and Barrow for taking a larger part in the support of their missionaries.

Local Church Finances: The question has been raised about a policy for raising money for current expenses and benevolences. The basic scriptural method is to give a tithe. There is no better way! Some people can work while they cannot give much. A limited number of suppers or sales where honest value is exchanged for the price are not objectionable, but we ought not to tolerate chances, bingo, etc. to raise money for the Lord's work.

Missionaries and their people: Occasionally we hear that a missionary has made a mistake in dealing with his or her people. Most mistakes can be avoided by regular meetings and consultation with church leaders on matters under consideration. Frequently, it requires patient persuasion to adopt Christian standards but this is better and stronger than sharp dictation. Let us be strong in our Christian convictions, but let us also be patient and winsome in leading others to them.

Summer Supply: The Rev. John Baxter and his wife of Wichita, Kansas would like to spend three months next summer in southeastern Alaska and would be available for vacation supply. Having relatives in Sitka, he would be glad to spend some time there. Any of you are free to write him direct, but to save confusion it might be better to clear this through the office. We can recommend him as a good Scotch Presbyterian preacher.

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Leaflet: Enclosed is a sample leaflet for your information. More can be supplied if available.

World Day of Prayer: February 13th is the World Day of Prayer. Let us plan to make fullest use of "the mightiest power in the World". We are in desperate need of this power. The offering goes toward the support of interdenominational projects under the Home Missions Council.

Evangelism and New Life: As we near the Easter season, which is early this year (Ash Wednesday being February 11th), we think of evangelistic services, communicant classes, and new lives for Christ. We should not wait for Easter but begin now! Our high purpose is to lead youth and adults to a full acceptance of Christ and to guide them to be great Christians. Jesus preached to the masses but He also hand-picked and trained individuals. Most of the recorded examples of His ministry were with individuals. May the Lord bless you and lead you to a great ministry in 1948.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc.: Leaflet, "Why We Baptize Our Children".

Dictated by Dr. Jackman through
letter from field, and signed in
his absence.

April 1948

ALASKA NEWS LETTER

April 1948

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Dear Coworker:

The March reports are coming in with information about the Easter services. As each one of you have felt the thrill of increased activity and large attendances, you can imagine my feelings as I look at the total picture. It is thrilling! My first impulse was to write a personal note to each of you rejoicing with you but lack of time and office help forbid this. We thank you and bless you for all your good work.

Alaska Presbytery: Most of you know that the Hydaburg Church was completely destroyed and Walter Soboleff's manse was badly damaged by fire. The Hydaburg and Juneau Memorial manses were covered by insurance. The Hydaburg Church was owned by the congregation and there was no insurance. The people are gathering materials and funds and making plans for a new Church. The Rev. George C. Crowell of Wrangell is still in the States waiting for the recovery of his health to return to Alaska. Wrangell Church has responded wonderfully to the ministry of the Crowells and needs both of them. Pray for Jack Crowell and his wife who carries on alone until he returns. Genevieve Soboleff had returned to Sitka before their fire to have her cast removed. We hope and pray for full recovery. Cleeland's son, Byron, is slowly recovering. Mrs. Gall had a setback from the shock of the fire, but is improving again. The Sheldon Jackson Junior College choir will come down to the General Assembly in Seattle to sing on National Missions night, May 31st.

Yukon Presbytery: We rejoice that the Parkers have returned to Gambell and are much better. Mrs. Lee has returned with the children to Barrow, and Jonneth Anne is improving. Dorothy Nichols, from Fairbanks, spent a month in the States on a much needed rest. James Bingle has won the Pepsi-Cola scholarship for Alaska. Victor Alfsens are due for their furlough this summer. The Rev. Fred Telecky and his wife (of McCormick Seminary '48) will supply the Palmer Church for the summer and settle elsewhere in the fall. The Alaska Native Service is planning for a new school building in Savoonga this summer. They will need all the available skilled labor on the Island and have advised us to delay the construction of the Church until 1949. This is a great disappointment.

Moderator's Trip: The Moderator and Mrs. LaRoe are deeply grateful to all of our people for all the personal courtesies along the way. Both of them have been speaking in various places about their trip. To me it was the greatest travel venture and was completed with many evidences of faith and answered prayer. If any of you secured good pictures, we would appreciate copies or prints.

The Summer Seminar: Plans are going forward for the Seminar following the General Assembly. The group will not be as large as we anticipated - probably 30 to 40. A complete itinerary will be sent early May. The Advance Program Committee studying our work will be in the party.

Caravan: Miss Elizabeth Howell from the Youth Office of National Missions will direct the Caravan training conference and share in the Sitka conference. She will attend the Youth Conference in the Interior the following week. The Caravan schedule will be completed in Presbytery.

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Summer Program: The General Assembly meets in Seattle May 25th to June 2nd. Children's Day is the second Sunday of June. The theme is "Sharing the Truth", and the General Assembly has asked each Sunday School to contribute the offering for Sunday School Missions. We have mailed each one of you a copy of the Vacation Bible School Manual for 1948 - "Jesus' Friends Carry on His Work". More copies are available. We hope you have a good summer with a full program including as many people as possible.

The Restoration Fund is due for completion at the General Assembly. It is earnestly hoped that Alaska may fulfill its full quota.

The New Curriculum: If plans have been completed, the New Curriculum has been presented to both Presbyteries. It is a great venture and excellent material. The Westminster Uniform lessons will be continued. The new material will have to be used for all graded work. We recommend it highly.

The Rev. John Baxter of Kansas has given up his plans to go to Alaska this summer.

Pensions: Some of you have received notices that your pension dues have not been paid to date. These notices are in error but send them to us so we can check the Pension Board's records.

10 Years' Progress: The following is a statistical resume' of progress during the past ten years. It bears close study. It shows some marvelous progress but ^{one} is prone to ask, if we have done what we should have done in reaching souls for Christ?

Alaska Presbytery:

membership	1583 to 1911 - increase 20.7%
Sunday School	1335 to 1328 - decrease $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%
Current Receipts	\$9,261. to \$21,646. - increase 134%
Budget Benevolences	\$1,538. to \$3,667. - increase 138.4%

Yukon Presbytery:

Membership	770 to 1644 - increase 113.5%
Sunday School	1078 to 1601 - increase 48.5%
Current Receipts	\$5,721. to \$31,902. - increase 457.6%
Budget Benevolences	\$173. to \$4,242. - increase 2352%

Board Budget: 1938 - \$31,491.; 1947 - \$50,226.- - increase 59.5%

1947 Statistics: There is no basis for comparison in the nine months' year figures. They do show progress. The 1948 benevolence quotas for all the churches have not been received as yet. The challenge of the times in which we live, and the New Life Movement demand that we set new goals for physical, numerical, financial, and spiritual progress. No other Church in Alaska has more to offer people in the Kingdom, and no other Church is in as good a position as the Presbyterian to render effective service. God grant each of you the vision and the power to fulfill your possibilities.

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When Jacob sent his sons to Egypt to buy corn, he showed his attitude by insisting they take the ruler a gift of honey. When you think of your people and talk with them, prepare yourself with a little honey, for sweetness will get far better results than sarcasm or dictatorial attitudes. We are to win, draw, and love people to Christ. He does that for us with God.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman.

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dear Coworker:

The reports which are coming into the office indicate a summer program which in most places is continuing at a high level of activity and service. Satan does not take a vacation nor should the church, and where the activities and pressures of life are greatest people need the message of Christ most. We commend all of you for the continual outpouring of yourselves to maintain a positive Christian influence and program.

Alaska Presbytery: Jack Crowell has returned to his work in Wrangell. After limited activity over the summer, he should be ready for a full program in the fall. George Prescott, who has been supervisor of the shop program at Menaul School in Albuquerque, will assume the responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the Princeton-Hall the latter part of August. Nancy McFarlane, who has just graduated from Whitworth College, will become the Director of Religious Education in Sitka in August dividing her time between the church and Christian Education classes for Presbyterians in Mt. Edgecumbe. This will release Mr. Hunter for more pastoral calling in the Mt. Edgecumbe hospital. The Rev. Fred J. Telecky will begin service in the Auk Lake area in September. The people are looking forward hopefully to a new church organization, building, and manse in the next year. Andrew Gamble goes to San Francisco Seminary this fall as a special student while his family remains in Angoon. Cyrus Peck moves with his family to Sitka to take his year of special work in Sheldon Jackson and under Mr. Hunter. Hydaburg Church is gathering a stockpile of lumber while Mr. Harry G. Stewart, registered architect of Philadelphia, is drawing the plans for the new church which the people hope to start at the close of the fishing season. The Board has voted some aid.

Yukon Presbytery: Miss Dorothy Nichols has resigned from her work in Fairbanks to become the Director of Religious Education in the North Side Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Miss Shirley Tonseth, a local girl, will continue the work during her summer vacation from college. We are seeking a permanent replacement for fall. The Rev. Fred J. Telecky is supplying the Palmer Church while the Alfsons are on their furlough vacation in the States.

Alaska at the General Assembly: Alaska was well represented both in numbers and quality. Alaska Presbytery's Commissioners were Elwood Hunter, Sitka, and Cyrus Peck, Klukwan. The choir and faculty of the School, and the crew of the two boats swelled their numbers. Yukon Presbytery's delegates were Victor Alfson, Palmer, and Paul Silook, Gambell, St. Lawrence Island. Rolland Armstrong, Anchorage and Harry Champlin, Fairbanks flew down to revive their spirits. Special thanks is due Harry for taking care of Paul Silook. A large number of Alaskaworkers, past and present, had lunch together on Saturday. The Assembly was delighted with the quality of all those present.

The Travelling Seminar: The people who visited Alaska after the Assembly asked me to thank everyone along the way for all your work and gracious hospitality during their visits. It was the greatest experience in most of their lives, and they will long remember it. A brief period for summary at the end of each section of the trip pointed out some weaknesses in our work, but the members of the party paid high tribute to the quality of most of our workers and the effectiveness of their service.

The Princeton-Hall: It is a recognized fact that the work of the Princeton-Hall

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is not entirely satisfactory. In an effort to improve it, we are making some changes of responsibilities for those associated with it. George Prescott and George Everest will be responsible for maintenance and operation while Paul Prouty will lead the missionary program. The Advance Program Committee is making a strong recommendation that we greatly reduce the use of the ship for transportation and increase the missionary service for which it was intended. We heartily agree with that recommendation.

Restoration Fund: In Alaska Presbytery every church has paid its Restoration Fund quota in full, except Hydaburg (51%), Angoon (38%), Petersburg (36%), Juneau Memorial (33%), Wrangell (30%), Juneau, Northern Light (19%), and Hoonah (0%). In Yukon Presbytery Barrow, Wales, Gambell, and Savoonga have paid in full. Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks have underwritten all and paid more than half. Cordova and Wainwright are behind. Some quotas in Alaska have been high, but we hope every church will raise the full quota. The world needs this help from the Church!

New Curriculum: In order to assure delivery for October 1st, all orders for New Curriculum materials should have been in by July 15th. If you have had a standing order for graded materials that will end automatically with the third quarter. All graded materials end then. Westminster Uniform Lessons will continue as usual. New orders must be entered for New Curriculum materials. We can supply a limited amount of financial help to introduce them.

Candidates for Full-time Service: Occasionally, it is reported that young people have committed themselves to full-time Christian service through the church and several young people are in various stages of training. They should be reported to the Life Work Department of the Board of Christian Education. Pastors and sessions should keep a sympathetic contact with them. Those who express an interest in service in Alaska ought to be reported to our office. We need to do some long-range planning so there will be places for service for them when they are ready. We cannot afford to have them prepare and then not have places for them. Send us names, where they are studying, how far they have advanced, the purpose of their preparation, and when they will be ready.

Welcome to Alaska: The first issue of this leaflet had two mistakes which have been corrected in the reprint. More copies are available. Several local churches printed brief histories for the benefit of tourists. We have copies from Haines, Ketchikan, and Skagway. If there are others, please send us a couple of copies.

Benevolence Giving 1948: We are enclosing a statement on benevolence giving for the first six months from the Central Receiving Agency. The report shows the need of some action regarding benevolences.

Plan Book: The new Plan Book was mailed to all pastors and layworkers early in July. Report to our office if you do not receive it in reasonable time.

Estimates for Repairs: We are enclosing forms for an estimate on repair needs and plans for the fall. Some churches made requests for aid at the April meetings of the Presbytery. Others need no help from the Board, but to have a full picture of all plans, we would ask you to complete the forms and return them promptly.

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The Fall Program calls for the best efforts of the whole church. The New Curriculum, increased giving, and the New Life Movement challenge us to greater and deeper efforts. Plan for evangelistic services, call for new commitments, cultivate people for Christ, and urge public witness and proportionate giving. We believe more lives can be claimed for Christ and greater financial support for local churches and the world mission of the church can be secured. Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from Him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc.: 1948 six months' benevolence statement.
Estimate for repairs.

Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

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The following is a statement from the Central Receiving Agency of the quotas and giving of the churches in Alaska as of June 30, 1948. Field Receipts from the Eskimo churches are applied to the benevolence quota until it is paid, then applied to current expense. The whole report shows the need of emphasis on benevolence giving.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Received in C.R.A. 6-30-48</u>
<u>Alaska Presbytery:</u>		
Angoon	\$ 97.-	\$ -----
Craig	171.-	53.67
Haines	240.-	173.15
Hoonah	106.-	10.00
Hydaburg	221.-	44.80
Juneau, Memorial	455.-	-----
" , Northern Light	1533.-	134.64
Kake	95.-	-----
Kasaan	* 28.-	-----
Ketchikan	666.-	135.53
Klawock	113.-	-----
Klukwan	53.-	-----
Metlakatla	270.-	70.00
Petersburg	94.-	78.25
Sitka	1036.-	490.98
Skagway	854.-	213.04
Wrangell	489.-	131.60
	Total	\$1535.66

Yukon Presbytery:

Anchorage, First	\$4712.-	\$ 500.00
" , Faith	75.-	-----
Barrow	199.-	** 236.03
Cordova	200.-	200.47
Fairbanks	2796.-	626.74
Palmer	720.-	180.00
St. Lawrence Island - Gambell	137.-	83.90
" " " - Savoonga	98.-	98.81
Wainwright	299.-	296.69
Wales	50.-	18.45
	Total	\$2241.09
Katalla	-----	1.92

\$2243.01

* no report of acceptance of quota by the church.
** includes \$37.03 gift from Barter Island Mission.

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Dear Coworker:

During October there has been an opportunity to be in many meetings where prayer was offered for the missionaries and one is impressed with the sincerity and earnestness of the prayers of people across the country for each one of you in your respective fields of service. The freshness and enthusiasm revealed in the Alaska Presbyterian indicate that these prayers and your devoted service are bearing fruit.

Alaska Presbytery: The Swoggers have ended their devoted service in Metlakatla and are in the States. After visits with their children they hope to continue their ministry in National Missions in California. A young couple has been secured for Metlakatla but will not be available until spring. Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott will serve the church over the winter. Harry Wayne Nickoli of Kake is serving on the Princeton-Hall. We need an additional man on the ship. The Fred Teleckys are now settled in the Auke Bay area and are gathering the people looking toward a more permanent organization.

Yukon Presbytery: Rolland Armstrong and Fred Koschmann have built a new chapel in Woodland Park (Spennard Lake), and are starting services in November. The

Rev. Hackett Johnson and his wife from Los Angeles, California are driving north in November, to render some additional assistance in the rapidly growing Anchorage area. Mr. and Mrs. James Couch of Oneida, N.Y. have been appointed to Barrow to assist in the maintenance and program of the mission. They will fly north about the first of December. Harry Champlin reports the employment of Mr. John A. Bridges to help in the program at Fairbanks. We are still looking and hoping for a fine couple for College.

New Buildings: The Board has made some financial provision for assistance in building projects at Auke Lake and Hydaburg in Alaska Presbytery and Savoonga and Anchorage, First in Yukon Presbytery. It is hoped that something can be done soon to help Petersburg and Haines in Alaska Presbytery, and Barrow, College, Anchorage, Faith Church, Woodland Park, Mountain View, and Wasilla in Yukon Presbytery. One or two a year in each Presbytery is all we can hope to secure, and help from the Board must be considered in relation to what the local community is ready to do.

A Resident Field Representative: The Board has approved the position of a resident Field Representative and all we need is the man and his support. These advances in personnel cannot all come from additional National Missions funds. They can be possible with increased local support in every church which will release funds for additional work and workers.

Caravans 1949: It has been recommended that we repeat and enlarge the caravans for 1949 with provision for the training conference in Sitka again, and a team for the Interior. Suggestions from any or all of you will be welcome. Two college seniors, students for the ministry, have volunteered to pay their own way to Alaska for service next summer. Any bidders?

Youth for Full-time Service: We repeat an earlier request for a report of Alaska youth in training for full-time service in the Church. Tell us where they are, how far they have gone in training, when they will be ready, and what they want to do. We ought to plan with them so there will be a place for them when they are ready to serve.

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Shipping Strike: From headquarters, we have been following the shipping strike with grave concern. We are glad to learn of the "Alaska Air Lift" but sense the fact that some of you are affected seriously. We would ask those concerned to report what this means to the cost of living in your communities and how you are (or are not) meeting it.

Magazines and Equipment: Frequently someone wants to send a magazine subscription to a missionary or provide some visual aid equipment. Please report to the office in your next report or letter what magazines you take and what visual aid equipment you have - projector, screen, slides, movies, etc.

Narrative Reports: We welcome your stories about happenings on your fields. When you write please name the people about whom you write. Your secretary is becoming familiar with more names and interested in them as people.

Applications for Aid: Letters have gone out to the local churches asking for partial payment of salaries to mission workers. Churches should take as large a part in their own work as possible. Applications for aid for 1949 have been sent out to each worker. These should be considered and approved by congregations, forwarded to the Chairman of National Missions by December first, who should forward them to New York by December 15th, so we can determine the distribution of our budget before the end of December. With additional responsibility from the churches, the budget will provide for the continuation of salary increases made July 1st and a couple more workers. Our whole work is affected by local support as well as National Missions funds.

Benevolence Giving: We urge all of you to do your utmost to complete benevolence quotas for 1948 and do everything possible for 1949. Just now benevolence giving is far behind Board expenditures. Only a real spurt in giving will save us from a serious deficit at the end of the year. The completion of Restoration Fund quotas need active attention also.

New Life Conferences: This is being written during Dr. Kearns New Life Training Conferences. We have a simple faith and prayer that new spiritual life is coming to Alaska through these conferences. We know it can and will come when our leaders cooperate and people are ready - when all of us are ready to pay the price of being agents of the Holy Spirit to make Christ known with power. We would plead for unity of spirit and purpose, to "love people into the Kingdom", and use their lives in extending that Kingdom.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Dear Coworker;

Dr. Raymond Kearns has reported his trip through Alaska for New Life Training Conferences as one of the greatest experiences of his life. He hopes that the things you were able to do together are bearing fruit and will be followed up. He regretted the inability to visit all places. He was enthusiastic in his praise for the work of all of you, feeling that a great work is being done.

Alaska Presbytery: We regret the resignation of the Rev. George C. Crowell of Wrangell because of health. A complete rest will be necessary. This sudden departure has left us unprepared for a replacement, but we hope to find someone soon. Evans Charles Willard of Haines has joined the crew of the Princeton-Hall. In response to requests from members of the Presbytery a temporary appointment on the Princeton-Hall for evangelistic work has been offered to the Rev. A. B. Morgan. Mr. Morgan is a minister of the Nazarene Church and has declared his intention of applying for membership in the Presbytery at the April meeting.

Yukon Presbytery: Hackett Johnson and his wife arrived in Anchorage before Christmas to share the new work there. He will take over Woodland Park and Government Hill, while Fred Koschmann continues with Faith Church and opens new work in Mountain View. James and Ione Couch arrived in Barrow before Christmas to help with the maintenance and the program of the mission.

Budget 1949: There will be a deficit of several hundred thousand dollars at the end of 1948. Unless there is a larger response early in 1949, it may be necessary to cut the budget. The only way to maintain the present volume of work is to have a larger response from the churches in Alaska. We have listed among personnel needs a worker for the University area, but there is no provision for support in the 1949 budget. Available resources have been used for those places for which personnel could be secured. A larger response toward self-support would release funds for this pressing and vital need.

Building Needs: If the Church had given the amount necessary for the 1948 budget, there would have been money available for new buildings. The outlook for new grants for new churches is not good. Appropriations already passed are available, but there is very little new money. Reasonable amounts are available for loans which must be repaid. Formal application forms and approval of the Presbytery are necessary to secure these loans. Two to three months are necessary to process the applications. All this means more effort and giving on the local field.

Building Repairs: A small amount of money is available each year in the regular budget for repair of buildings. The Alaska Department usually receives only \$3000. or \$4000. which must be stretched over all of the twenty-eight churches. Local resources must bear the largest part of the responsibility. Application for help from the Board should be in the headquarter's office in November of each year for the following year. Early each year the Cabinet of Missionary Operation divides the funds available for the year among the departments on the basis of needs presented. Once this division is made, no more money is available, except for small pressing emergencies until the following year. No one has the authority to commit the Board for any funds until it is known that such funds are available.

Applications for Aid for salary or expense from the current budget must be completed in triplicate, formally approved by the congregations, two copies sent to the Chairman of the Committee on National Missions by December 1st, approved by that Committee and one copy forwarded by the Chairman to the headquarter's office by January 1st of each year. Under the rules of the Board, the Secretary should not make any grant for salary unless or until the application is received at "156". The Secretary does not desire to hold up any salary grant or payment, but does lay the responsibility upon the missionary-pastors to see that applications are forwarded promptly. If this requirement were followed strictly now more than half of you would not be getting any salary from National Missions.

Program for next summer and fall: We have asked the Board of Christian Education for Dr. Barnett Eby for the Youth Conferences and help for another caravan. Dr. Price Gwynne and Dr. Walter Barlow are willing to plan for the Worker's Conference and a Faith and Life Conference in the Interior if we will pay the expense for one. We have agreed and hope all three will be available. Two college seniors who are candidates for the ministry have volunteered to pay their transportation to Alaska for service next summer. Three middlers from Western Seminary have inquired about internships for a year in Alaska next year. Personal conferences will be held soon. Please give us your suggestions at once for places and work for them.

World Day of Prayer is March 4th. We are reminded that the support of the work of Ralph Weeks in Mt. Edgecumbe Government School comes from the offering on that day. All of us are urged to cooperate with the arrangements for world fellowship in prayer and in fairness to local support of our own program to urge a generous offering.

Entertainment in the Manses: The hospitality of some of the manses has been imposed upon by people from other congregations who want to visit around the territory or are enroute to school or meetings. All of you know that your manses and salaries are not large enough to bear the expense of any extended amount of entertainment. For the protection of each other, please suggest to your people that if they stay more than a day in the home of a missionary in another place they share in the cost of such hospitality.

Program Materials: We are sending a booklet, "Helping Alcoholics", "Youth has Abilities for God", and some program materials from Westminster Press which have been left over but which have value. The latter have been offered to us for a special price. Please use all of them as fully as possible.

Spring Trip: Your Secretary hoped to visit St. Lawrence Island late in March, but preliminary reports indicate only one plane a month. The pressure of work will not permit that much time and a real disappointment continues. He plans to be in Yukon Presbytery late in March, and Alaska Presbytery early in April. We need the exact dates for these as early as possible.

Evangelism and New Life: As one looks at the spiritual condition of the people about us and the world in general, he is more and more impressed by the vital necessity of presenting Christ with a new freshness and power, and call people to a new commitment to Christ as Lord and Saviour. As we look forward to Easter let us seek a new crucifixion of self and a new resurrection of Christ in the lives of our people and those whom we have not yet reached. May the Holy Spirit guide and richly bless all of you as you continue fully in this necessary work.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Dear Coworker:

Looking back upon the annual spring trip to Alaska, I am impressed with the high quality of the meetings of the Presbyteries, the large attendance, the accomplishments of the past year, and the constructive planning for the future. It was a real pleasure to visit with so many of you and try to understand your problems. Many thanks for your gracious hospitality during my visits in your homes.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. Paul Prouty and Elder George Edenso are the Commissioners to the General Assembly in Buffalo, New York - May 19th. Paul Prouty and Edward Freeman are due for furloughs this summer. During the absence of Mr. Prouty, Cyrus Peck will be responsible for the Princeton-Hall until fishing season opens. Frank Brady will be at Wrangell until Paul Moyer, an interne from Western Seminary, arrives when Frank will go to Anchorage. Carol Wood, another interne from Western, will serve at Craig during the summer. The return of the Dodges has been delayed by the illness of Larry, the baby, but they hope to be back in Skagway early in May.

Yukon Presbytery: The Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong is the minister commissioner to the General Assembly, and Mrs. Neil S. Miller of Palmer, Alaska is the elder delegate. James Couch has resigned from Barrow as of February 28th. It seems certain that the materials for the new church at Savoonga will get on the June boat, and the church will be built this summer. Barrow hopes to build a new sanctuary this summer, but definite word has not been received yet about transportation for materials. Funds have been contributed for a small plane for Barrow. Mrs. Parker is undergoing xray treatments in Denver. It is hoped she can return to Gambell. If not, arrangements will be made to transfer the Parkers to some other part of Alaska or the States.

Summer Program: It is hoped that every church will have a Vacation Bible School during the summer. Leader's and student's materials for the course, "We Would See Jesus" are available from the office. Conference dates for the summer are:

June 2nd to 8th - - Sr. & Y.P. W.F. Conference at Sitka - The Rev. Barnett Eby, Director
June 8th to 13th - Vacation Church School Institute at Sitka
June 15th to)
July 31st)- Vacation Bible School teams in local communities
(above possibility at this writing)
June 18th to 27th - Interdenominational Conference at King's Lake
July (exact dates not known in N.Y.office) - Jr. High Conference at Rainbow Glacier
August (exact dates not known in N.Y.office) - Minister's Work and Study Conference. (Al. Pby.)
(exact dates not known in N.Y.office) - Jr. High Conference, Rainbow Glacier.

Visual and Audio Aids: Bibletone Records (music and scripture) and any products handled by the Society for Visual Education (S.V.E. projectors, screens, film strips, slides) can be secured through our office for use in your own church program at a discount of at least 25%.

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The American Social Hygiene Association has been asked by the army to help promote higher moral standards in Alaska. Their representative in Alaska is Raymond S. Sanford Box 960, Anchorage or Box 750, Fairbanks. The initial study was conducted "under cover".

The Revised New Testament has three different editions: cloth-\$2.; black paper-\$1.25; manila paper-\$1. These can be secured through the office at 25% discount.

The Alaska Committee of the Home Missions Council at its meeting April 18th voted to call upon all church groups in Alaska to take a militant stand against liquor, gambling, prostitution, and the promotion of native culture which is pagan and unchristian, and to support the regular program of education in the English language for all people. The Methodists reported they had been requested to open churches in McGrath and Elfin Cove. They were authorized to investigate the need of the two communities.

Council of Presbytery: In the Presbytery of Alaska, the statement was made that a council of the Presbytery could not be formed because the constitution forbade membership by employees of the Boards. Your Secretary consulted personally with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. His first observation was, "Why, that would eliminate 2000 ministers in aided churches." The constitution intends to exclude Board Executives and Field Representatives but not Pastors.

Westminster Fellowship National Council meets July 4th to 10th at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. The leaders would like a representative from each Presbytery in Alaska who will return to the Territory. The second National Assembly meets again at Grinnell, Iowa during the summer of 1950.

Travelling Seminar to Alaska 1950: Our Promotion Department has asked that we conduct another Seminar during the summer of 1950. Dates should be set by September 1, 1949. Will you send your suggestions for June, July, or August?

The summer brings another period of expanded activity in Alaska. There will be more activity for the residents, more new residents arriving, and many tourists. The opportunity of speaking for and ministering in the Name of Christ will be greater. Let us all be alert to the particular privilege that is ours to be ambassadors for Christ and use every opportunity to draw the attention of people to Him as Saviour and Lord. There is someone waiting for each of us to open the door to Christ.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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May 6, 1949

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence.

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Dear Co-worker:

During October people all over the world will be remembering our Alaska workers in prayer. Already people are writing into the office asking for latest information about people and places for programs on particular days. May each of you be conscious of the invisible power of prayer on your behalf, especially on the day you are listed in the Year Book of Prayer.

Alaska Presbytery: The James Mulhollands arrived in Metlakatla during August) and the George Prescotts went to Sitka to begin work with Sheldon Jackson Jr. College. The Rev. Stanley Benson was supposed to go to Wrangell in September, but, at the last minute, he decided to stay in the States which left us without even a prospect for Wrangell. Frank Brady, who took unto himself a wife in August, will remain at Wrangell for the present. In the program of training, Andrew Gamble goes to Kake, Cyrus Peck to San Francisco Seminary, and Arthur Johnson to Sitka. Paul Prouty is back after a furlough in the States, and Herbert Mercer is with him on the ship. The Soboleffs report the arrival of a young son who will bear his father's name.

Yukon Presbytery: After many years of effective service Harry Champlin left Fairbanks at the end of August to accept a call to the Westminster Church in Albuquerque. We appreciate what both the Champlins have done for Alaska. Carol Wood, an interne from Western Seminary, was supposed to assist Harry this winter but has had "to take over" until we can find a replacement.

New Buildings: After three years of trial, Savoonga Church has been built this summer. Barrow has received materials for a new sanctuary. A new log Chapel is going up in College. Palmer is adding a basement to the Church. Three Quonset huts have been procured for Faith and Woodland Park Churches, and Government Hill in Anchorage. Barrow has been given a small plane, a Piper Clipper named Arctic Messenger. Hydaburg has the foundation of a new church in and is gathering materials for construction this fall. Haines has begun a full renovation job. Several houses were burned in Klukwan during the summer, and the church was slightly damaged. Andrew Wanamaker is making repairs. Sitka has bought a lot and has a sign on it. Juneau Memorial have landscaped their church-yard and put an attractive fence around it. Auke Bay has been renovating the new manse.

Reports: Most of you have been keeping up to date on reports. Some few give us excellent information on the church, the family, and new developments. Some of you tell us nothing, and we know nothing about you until you want something from us. The monthly report requires a narrative on the back of the form (do not write on the back of the voucher which is torn off for the Treasury Department). This method plus an extra sheet as you need it helps keep down filing space needed.

Salary and Pension: Some do not enter payments from your churches, others seem to receive varying amounts each month. You should be receiving agreed amounts from the churches and the pension should be paid by you and the church on the cash amount plus 15% credit for manse. One man has lost his full credit

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for 1948 because this was not cared for, and it can be more costly than he knows. We are willing to write to the church urging them to take care of this.

Budget situation: Benevolence giving is ahead of last year, but so are costs. Unless there is a very large response between now and the end of December, the Board will have a deficit. The Board has decided to cut the budget for 1950 by \$250,000 (it can be increased if giving improves). Every Department will have to share in the cut from 7% to 10%. The only way we can continue to maintain our present work in Alaska is to have increases in benevolence giving for 1949 and 1950 and salary payments from Alaska churches.

Again Pioneers: The mission study book this year is by Dr. Morse. During the reading of it, I thought of so many of you in Alaska. There is so much in it that applies to your work, that we are sending each of you a copy.

Applications for Aid: Applications for Aid for 1950 are going out to every church. They should be completed in triplicate: one copy should be retained by the church, and two copies forwarded to the Chairman of National Missions (Alwin Gall in Alaska and Rolland Armstrong in Yukon) by December 1st. The Chairman should sign for the Committee and forward one copy to the Department in New York by December 15th. It is a requirement of the Board that these shall be completed by every church receiving the benefit of National Missions aid. We realize the difficulty of getting Indians and Eskimos to understand all this in English, but do your best with it to emphasize local responsibility for their own ministry.

Visual and Audio Aids: We are sending you catalogues of the materials which you can secure through our office at a 20% to 30% discount.

Travelling Seminar to Alaska in 1950: The Division of Promotion has asked us to conduct another Seminar in 1950. We are suggesting the last week of June and the first week of July. Do you approve or would you suggest a different date? Let us know at once.

October visitors: Miss Gladfelter and Mr. Tribus of the staff at "156" will be in Alaska on official business during October. Miss Gladfelter is Secretary for Educational and Medical Work, and Mr. Tribus is the staff lawyer.

Worker's Conference: Dr. William S. Meyer of Rochester goes to Sitka for leadership in the Worker's Conference from October 19th P.M. to 25th P.M. We hope there will be a large representation from each church to make his trip worthwhile.

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As we face another winter's work, we need tremendous faith in the resources and power of God to guide us and make our work more effective to win people to Christ. More Bible study, more prayer, more evangelism, more stewardship can be God's tools and ours to accomplish this end. May He give you sufficient grace and wisdom to perform your ministry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Enc.: Keeping Up with Alaska (National Missions in October)
Suggested Principles for churches....Budget for 1950 in the Plan of
Self-Allocation (United Promotion Committee-General Council).

P.S. Buildings and Repairs: We are enclosing a form for the annual estimate of necessary repairs to properties for which the Board is responsible. An examination of the issue should be made locally indicating the total cost with the use of as much volunteer labor as possible; indicating also how much the church can provide of this cost, and how much it becomes necessary to ask from the Board. The estimates should be completed and returned to the Department of Work in Alaska before the end of November, in order that our office may have time to present our needs to the Cabinet for considering the amount of money available for repairs for all mission fields in the 1950 budget. If these estimates are not filed by December 1st, we will have no justification for asking for repair funds. If these do not come to us until Spring no money will be available for your benefit and the protection of our properties. These estimates should be returned as quickly as possible!

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Dear Co-worker:

We in the office are grateful for so many cards and remembrances from so great a distance. Distance cannot interfere with our common concern for each other in the Lord's work. We wish for each of you a new year filled to overflowing with personal blessings and rich fruits from your work.

Alaska Presbytery: The Rev. Paul Evans and family (wife and two small children) of Scranton, Penna. will move to Wrangell about the middle of February. The Rev. Fred Telecky and family of Auke Bay have been invited by the Faith Church of Anchorage to serve them. They are moving in January. The Rev. Paul Prouty will supply Auke Bay Chapel during January and February. On December 11 the Petersburg Church had a damaging fire. We are now waiting for a report from the insurance company from a small policy and action by the Board to see if there are sufficient funds to rebuild the old church or move to a new location and get a fresh start with a better church building. On January 1st the Metlakatla Church had a fire. The furnace room was destroyed and the joists and foundations at one corner were badly damaged. The Board had a small insurance policy to cover its grant mortgage. The officers have voted to repair the damage immediately.

Yukon Presbytery: The Fairbanks Church has called the Rev. Fred Koschmann of Anchorage and the Presbytery was to install him on January 11. Faith Church has invited Fred Telecky to serve them and he is to move in January. Anchorage First has called the Rev. Frank Walkup of Riverside Church, Minneapolis, and he will move in February. The first service in the new Smith Memorial Chapel in College was conducted by Bert Bingle on Christmas Eve. The Northern Baptist Missionary Society has agreed to become responsible for the hospital in Cordova, and it was felt wise to transfer our church to them also. They would maintain an open membership. Yukon Presbytery was to act on this on January 11. If it is transferred, Carl DeMott has elected to remain with the Presbyterians after a reasonable allowance of time for the Baptists to secure a minister.

Field Representative: The Division of Missionary Operation with the approval of the Board has invited Rolland Armstrong of First Church Anchorage to become the Field Representative of the Board for Alaska. He will begin his work about the first of February and will move to Juneau about the middle of February. He will be responsible to the Board through the Departments of Alaska and Educational and Medical Work. He will attend the meeting of the Home Missions Congress in Columbus, Ohio from January 24 to 27 and spend a week in New York becoming familiar with his new work. We all hope that his personal attention and leadership on the field will bring new progress to our work. We all pledge him our full support in his new work.

Offices Changes: On December 16 Miss Isabel Warden left the office because of health, and Miss Anna Allison took another position with the Student Volunteer Movement in our building. Miss Frieda Koerner continues as the office Secretary, and Mrs. Anne Gruber and Mrs. Edna Fleming are helping with the large volume of work in our office.

Budget 1950: Facing another deficit for 1949 the Board cut the budget for 1950 by \$240,000. Every department had to share in this cut. Sunday School Missions was given the biggest chunk and Alaska about the smallest. This means larger support from the field or else a reduction in the amount of our work.

Applications For Aid have been returned by less than half of the churches. This means that if we applied the rules of the Board strictly half of our church workers would get no salary. These completed forms are due now. Two copies should be sent to the Chairman of National Missions. He keeps one for the Presbytery and forwards one to the office.

Building Repairs: Forms were mailed with the October letter. A half dozen have been returned. Your Secretary has no basis upon which to ask for money to share with local congregations in much needed repairs. The small fund available in the 1950 budget will be divided among the departments in the Cabinet meeting January 30. If we have no requests, we will get little or nothing for the year, and there will be no money to answer requests later in 1950. Please complete the forms and forward them immediately.

Monthly Reports: Please begin your narrative on the back of your statistical report (do not write on the back of the voucher). We keep your reports on file for two or three years and every extra sheet of paper takes space. The Treasury Department is changing its system for monthly checks. All salary checks will go out without vouchers, but no February check will go out unless the January report and voucher have been received. We have asked for an additional months grace for people from Alaska. No March check will go out unless the January report and voucher have been received. The best plan is to complete them early every month and Air Mail them as soon as you can.

Ordering Books: When ordering books through the office give us the name of the book, the author and the publisher. This simplifies the order and helps us to get a larger discount so we can continue offering you an advantage of 25% on books for personal use.

Presbytery Meetings: Yukon Presbytery meets March 22 in Cordova or Anchorage. The Stated Clerk has asked me to take the evening messages. Alaska Presbytery will meet in Juneau April 19 to 26. Drs. Barlow and Gwynne of Faith and Life and Leadership Training in Christian Education will have periods of leadership on Faith and Life for the Presbytery and Presbyterial. In between meetings of the Presbyteries I shall try again to visit St. Lawrence Island.

Summer Visitors: The Division of Promotion has decided to postpone the Travelling Seminar until 1951. The Rev. Richard Baird, former missionary in Korea and Columbia and now Western Area Secretary for the Foreign Board, has been assigned to us for the Westminster Fellowship Conference in Sitka, June 2. He is a fine person as well as a good missionary. The Princeton Seminary choir wants to drive to Haines, arriving about June 24, sing in many places in Southeastern Alaska, return to Haines and tour our churches in the Interior. There would be 24 Seminary students and Dr. and Mrs. Jones. They sing sacred numbers and each time two different students tell why they are studying for the ministry. They would receive offerings to pay expenses. A generous friend in the States will underwrite any reasonable deficit.

School Tax; The Alaska tax law requires the Board to deduct your \$5. Alaska School Tax from the February check. If you are over 55 you do not have to pay it. If you have paid it you will have to seek a refund from the tax office in Alaska.

World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday, February 24th. This offering is used for a variety of mission work through the Home Missions Council. The work of Ralph Weeks at Mt. Edgecumbe is supported from this source. Remind your people to give generously. .

The period of the church year just ahead of us represents the life and ministry of Christ. Let us present Him with new freshness and power to our people so they will be caught by the challenge of His call to give their lives to Him. Now is the time to lead people to accept Him as Saviour and Lord. He is the only power to save lives in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman

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Department of Work in Alaska

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Enc.: Recordings-Borrow or Buy but Use.

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Dear Co-worker:

I have returned from the most extensive trip ever made in Alaska and Covered more places than ever before. It was a matter of regret that Mr. Armstrong and I did not get to see every worker but we did see more than we hoped for at the beginning. We were not able to accomplish all that we desired for Mrs. Crowell of the Reader's Digest but hope that she has material for some stories.

Alaska Presbytery: As one records the withdrawals of missionary pastors, it is done with a distinct sense of loss because each of these have rendered outstanding service in his own way. The Freemans have gone from Ketchikan, the Foxes are leaving Haines, the Galls, Hydaburg and the Spiveys, Petersburg - all in June. We are humbly grateful for the service which they have given and there is definite progress in each place because of their work. The Rev. Carl DeMott from Cordova will take up the work in Petersburg and the Rev. Elmer Parker from Gambell will locate in Hydaburg. No sure replacements have been found yet for Haines and Ketchikan but during the summer James Armstrong will serve Haines and Stanley Webster at Ketchikan. Both are students from Princeton Seminary and members of the First Church of Hollywood, California. Charles Richey also from Princeton will remain behind the Choir to serve at Craig the rest of the summer and then go to Fairbanks for an internship until August 1951. We are hoping for an ordained man at Auke Lake, Juneau, this summer. Cyrus Peck will return early June from San Francisco Seminary and will serve Angoon until the fishing season. Ralph Weeks is leaving Mt. Edgecumbe the end of May and the Rev. Murlin Day, Methodist who served the Federated Church of Nome for two years has been appointed by the Alaska Committee of the H. M. C. as of September first. The new church at Hydaburg is well on the way toward completion, the interior of the Haines church is more beautiful and useable than ever, and plans are in the making for a new church at Petersburg on a new location.

Yukon Presbytery: Elmer Parker has left Gambell and will return to Hydaburg in June. Clarence Irrigoo is temporarily in charge at Gambell. Alice Green is in the states for her year of furlough and Eleanor Ruppert from Sheldon-Jackson Junior College will serve at Savoonga during the year. The Northern Baptists are supposed to have a man for Cordova in June and Carl DeMott will move to Petersburg. William Proctor from Princeton Seminary will serve with Bert Bingle on the Highway during the summer. Andrew Akootchook and his wife are both in Fairbanks for medical treatment and operations. Work on the Barrow church is progressing slowly. The Savoonga Church isn't finished but they are happy in being able to use it. The Smith Memorial Chapel at College isn't finished but it too is being used effectively. The Anchorage Government Hill Quonset ought to be ready soon for use this summer. A lot is being purchased in Anchorage-Mountain View so work can be started there. A grant has been made by the Board for another manse for the Highway Chaplain so we hope to settle a man in College full time for that work. We still need five good ordained men who will fit our needs in Alaska. If you have any suggestions, pass them along at once.

Reports: The original of the monthly report is to come direct to the office. The copy goes to the Chairman of National Missions who will send all of them on to the Field Representative, R. Rolland Armstrong, Box 2539, Juneau. The Chairman in Yukon is Fred Koschmann and in Alaska Elwood Hunter. Mr. Hunter is due his furlough vacation this summer so the copy can go direct to Mr. Armstrong during June, July, and August. Some of the reports are very full and tell us much about the work. Others have little or nothing on them except the voucher and occasional excuses for not having a more extensive program. There is a widespread, noticeable falling off in the number of pastoral visits. We cannot draw many people to Christ unless we go to them with His message.

General Assembly. Alaska will be represented at the Assembly by Elmer Parker, formerly of Gambell and Albert Kulowiya of the Savoonga Church; John Dodge of Skagway and George Edennso of the Craig Church. Alice Green and the Bingles will be there.

National Council of Women. Alaska will be represented by Mrs. Bingle and Mrs. Booth whose husbands will sit on the sidelines. On the Program for an hour on Alaska will be Mrs. Booth, Alice Green, Walter Soboleff, Miss Gladfelter, Dr. Jackman, and maybe Bert Bingle.

Summer visitors will be plentiful this summer. Already a number have asked for information. Richard Baird of the Western Office of Foreign Missions will be there for the Y. P. conference in Sitka; the Princeton Seminary Choir will tour according to schedule and Robert and Oscar Lutz, brothers from Denver, with their families will drive in. More will come.

Entertaining Guests. Some of you have many visitors who remain for meals or overnight. In a few cases this has become a drain on family resources. We would like to have a report from each one of you next month on how many such visitors you have and how much it costs to have them. We haven't much money but we might be able to share this expense if it becomes too heavy.

Office and Treasury Procedure. Just a reminder - Reports should be completed the first week of each month, giving the statistics and narrative for the preceding month and calling for the salary for the current month. The original should be sent air mail at once to the office. We approve the "payroll" for the Treasury the first of the month so checks can be sent out early. If reports do not come with vouchers, approval cannot be given for payment the following month.

Finally, brethern, from outward appearances the work is moving forward. The two Presbytery meetings revealed an increasing sense of responsibility for the work. But what about the spiritual depth and increased numbers? The problems in all of Alaska require continual emphasis upon the simple teachings of Christian faith and life applied by the Holy Spirit to change lives. Additional personal training is needed to prepare officers in the meaning of the Christian life and the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices. More evangelistic and pastoral work is needed. After all our years of work we ought to be reaching more people with the message of Christ which will lead them to be strong Christians, witnessing for their faith. This is a difficult task in Alaska but by the grace of God in Christ and the power of His spirit it can be done. May He bless each of you personally and give you His grace and power.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Alaska News Letter

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Dear Coworker:

We look forward to October again when Presbyterians around the world will be remembering our workers and stations in Alaska in prayer. These prayers will be uttered in the spirit of faith in you and power for you to do the Lord's work. May each of you feel new spiritual power to accomplish your task.

Alaska Presbytery: Most of us are familiar with and saddened by the loss of Verne Swanson by drowning. He had served twenty years of quiet, consistent, missionary work and he will be missed greatly. We record new arrivals in the Paul Evans and Andrew Gamble homes during the summer. The Randolph E. McCluggage family from southern Colorado arrived at Auke Lake during early September to begin service in that area. Arthur Johnson and family go to San Francisco Seminary for a year of special work. All of you will be interested to know that Ed Freeman goes to the Oakland Church of Portland, Oregon, Alwin Gall to Bickleton, Washington, Kenneth Fox to the West Side Church of Beloit, Wisconsin, and Ray Spivey to Point Lookout, Missouri. We wish them well in their new work and wish we had replacements for all of them.

Yukon Presbytery: We record with sorrow and sympathy the death of Andrew Akootchook's wife. Andrew is lonesome without her but carries on. Barrow Church is progressing slowly. The Savoonga people are finishing up their church. The new Chapel at Tok Junction and the new log house for Bingles are nearing completion. Anchorage, First and Woodland Park are working on plans for new buildings. Percy Ipalook has resigned and moved to Kotzebue with his family, leaving no replacement for Wales. We do not know his future plans. Carol Wood has returned to Western Seminary in Pittsburgh after excellent student service in Fairbanks and Charles Richey takes over.

Reports, vouchers, and salary checks are related to each other. Reports should be made out during the first week of each month and mailed promptly. If reports are a month late no check goes out the following month. The Treasury is now holding checks for six people. We don't like it and we suspect someone up there needs the money.

Ordering Books: Books ordered by missionaries direct from the Presbyterian Book Stores will be billed to the missionaries direct at a 10% discount, and will be paid to the Book Stores by the missionary. Books ordered through our office only may have a 25% discount. Take your choice! We need to know title, author, and publisher in order to get the 25% discount.

Ordering Sunday School materials: Where the school pays the entire bill order direct from Philadelphia in plenty of time for shipment. If the school cannot pay the entire amount, order through the Alaska office and send us as much as the school can pay.

A Letter of Thanks has come from Charles Pfizer and Company to those who sent in soil samples last summer.

Keeping Pastoral Records is a most important part of the work of every missionary pastor. Records of births, baptisms, reception to Church membership, marriages, and deaths. In unorganized missions the record should be in a neighboring church or with the Presbytery.

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The Worker's Conference and Fall Presbytery meeting in Sitka will be held October 18th to 25th. Dr. Mark Koehler of Yakima, Washington, formerly Bible professor at Whitworth, will be the "outside" leader. We hope that all of the churches will respond with several delegates.

The Moderator of the General Assembly is setting aside the two weeks after Easter for Alaska. We hope he can visit several stations and the meeting of each Presbytery.

Briefly: The Plan Book is ready for distribution and we are trying to see that one is sent to every missionary, pastor, and lay-worker. Since gambling is a real problem in Alaska, we are forwarding an article on that subject. October 1st is World Wide Communion Sunday. As far as possible let every Church have communion on that day. Let us realize our world fellowship in Christ and the possibilities within us if we would live and witness to the full power of our Christian faith.

The Alaska Budget is going to be cut again for 1951. This means if we carry our present program the local churches must give more for the support of the missionary-pastors than they are now giving. Any advance or new work will depend upon a considerable increase in local support from all the churches. Applications for Aid will be going out soon from Mr. Armstrong. A statement on what the church can pay should be sent him by November 15th and two copies of the completed Applications must be in his hands after the annual meeting in January. A list of all church officers should be returned with the Applications.

Membership and Benevolence Giving: A five-year review shows that Alaska Presbytery has moved from 9th to 8th place among the Presbyteries of the Synod of Washington in benevolence giving, but is still below the Synod average. There is a general increase but it is more significant in Craig; Haines; Juneau, Northern Light; Ketchikan; Klawock; Sitka; Skagway, and Wrangell. The membership is less than it was five years ago. Have we no fruits for five years of service? Yukon Presbytery moved from 6th to 2nd place among the Presbyteries. It is above the Synod average and due largely to increases in Anchorage, First; Barrow; Cordova; Fairbanks; Palmer, and Wainwright. The membership shows a gain of 25.5% in five years. A recent survey in the Home Missions Council shows that the Episcopalians claim more members in Alaska than the Presbyterians.

Beginning now the fall program should have an evangelistic emphasis leading up to Easter. Much, much pastoral calling should be done with the purpose of drawing people nearer to Christ. We are searching for more missionary-pastors. May God lead us to the right ones who will bear fruit in His work. May all of us have a sense of urgency in the Lord's work and for His people,

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman
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